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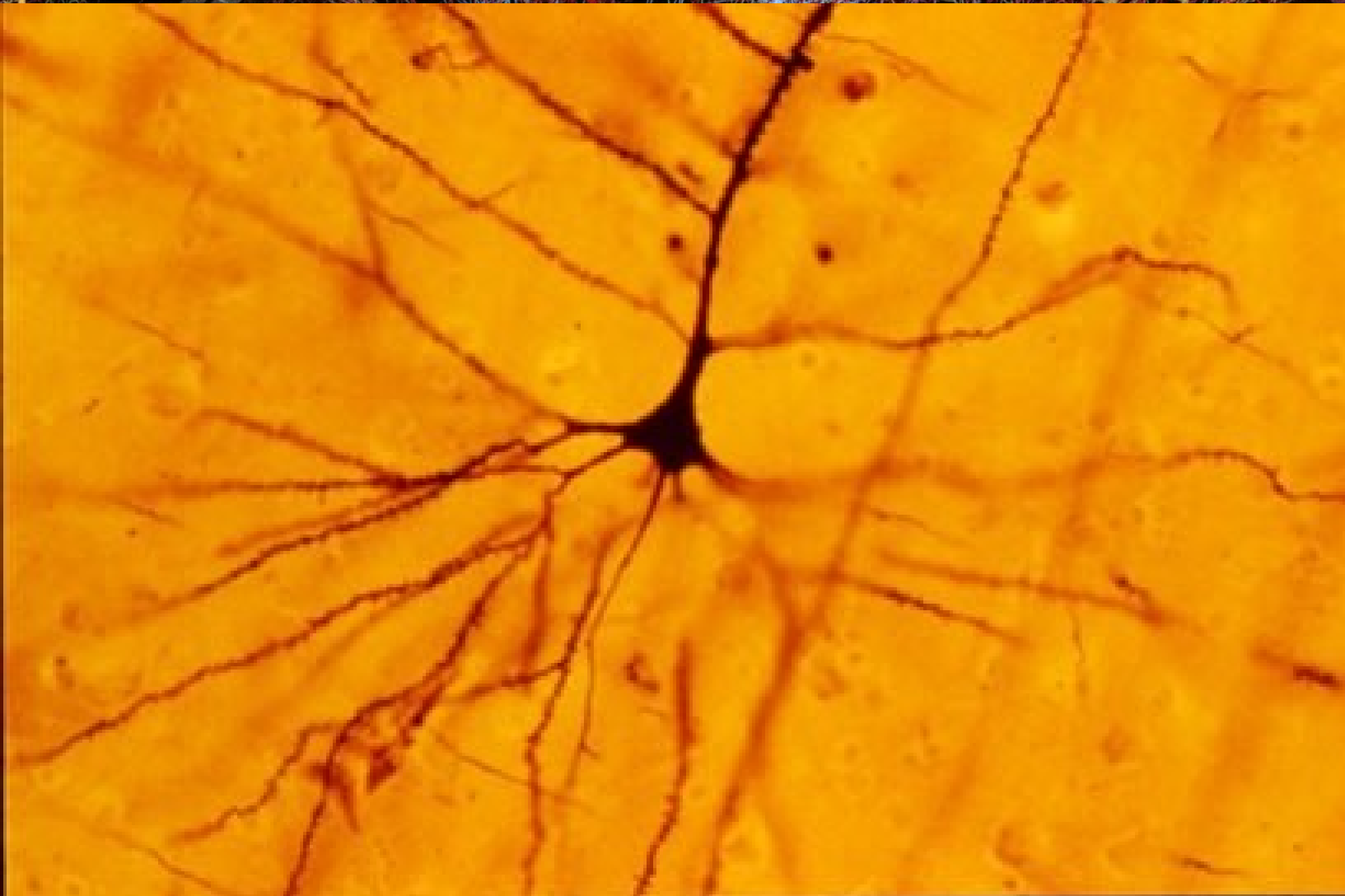


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E IL RICHIAMO DEI SEGNALI  
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# Camillo GOLGI





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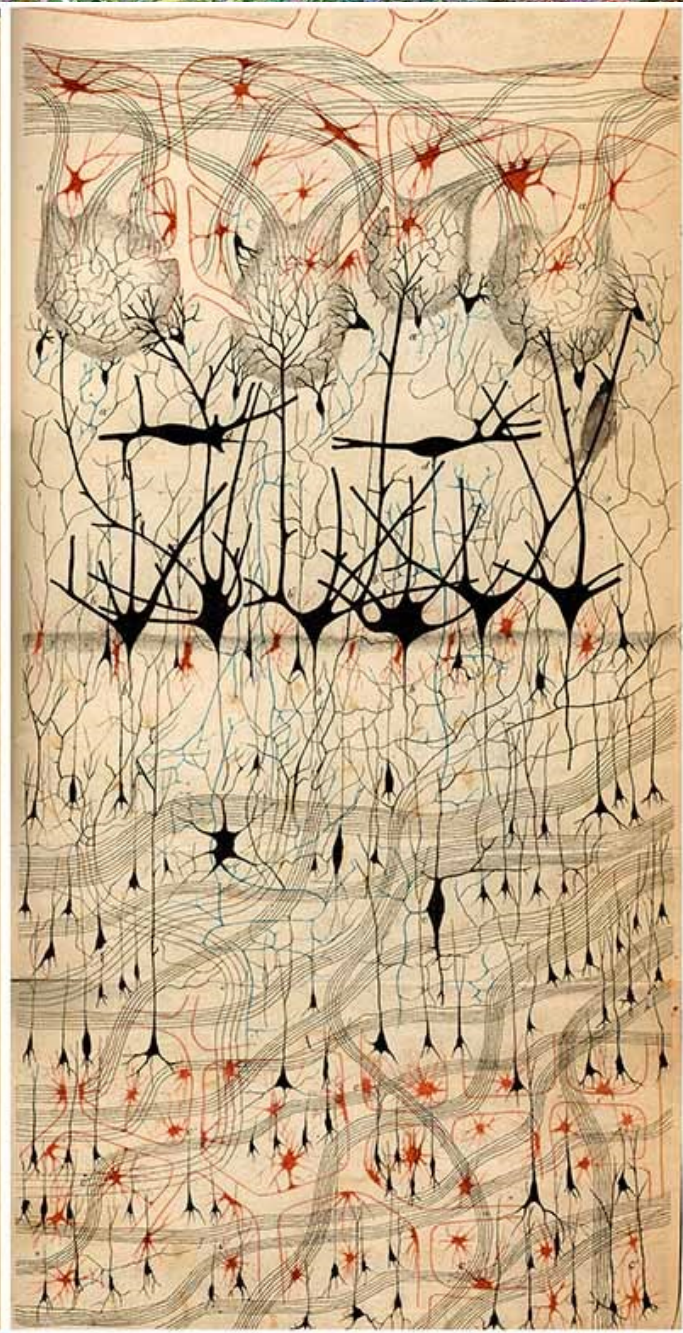
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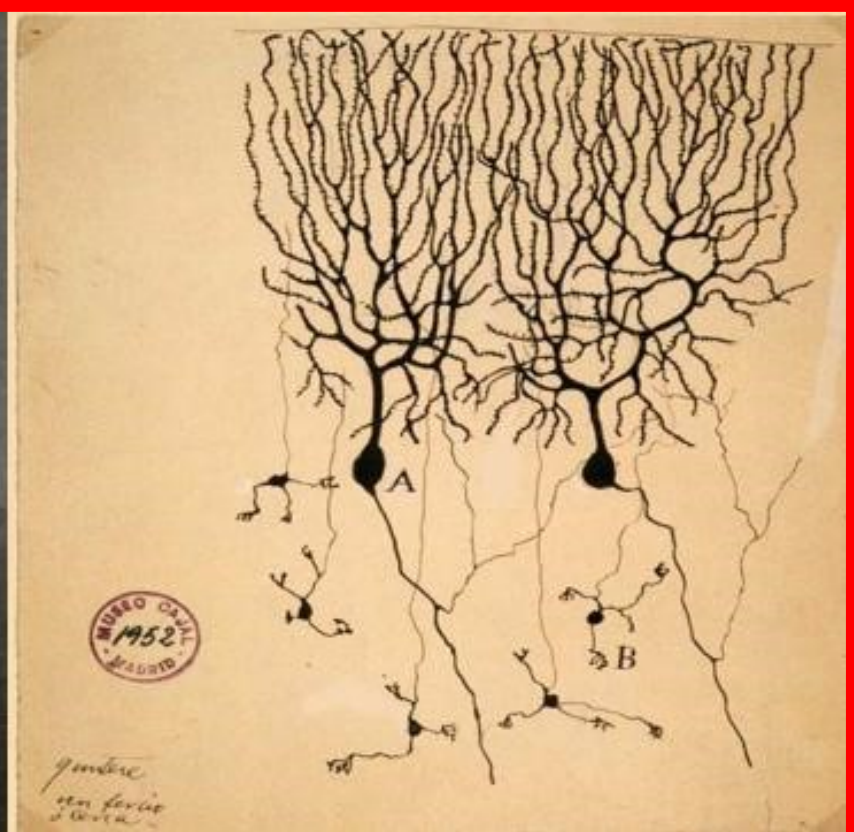
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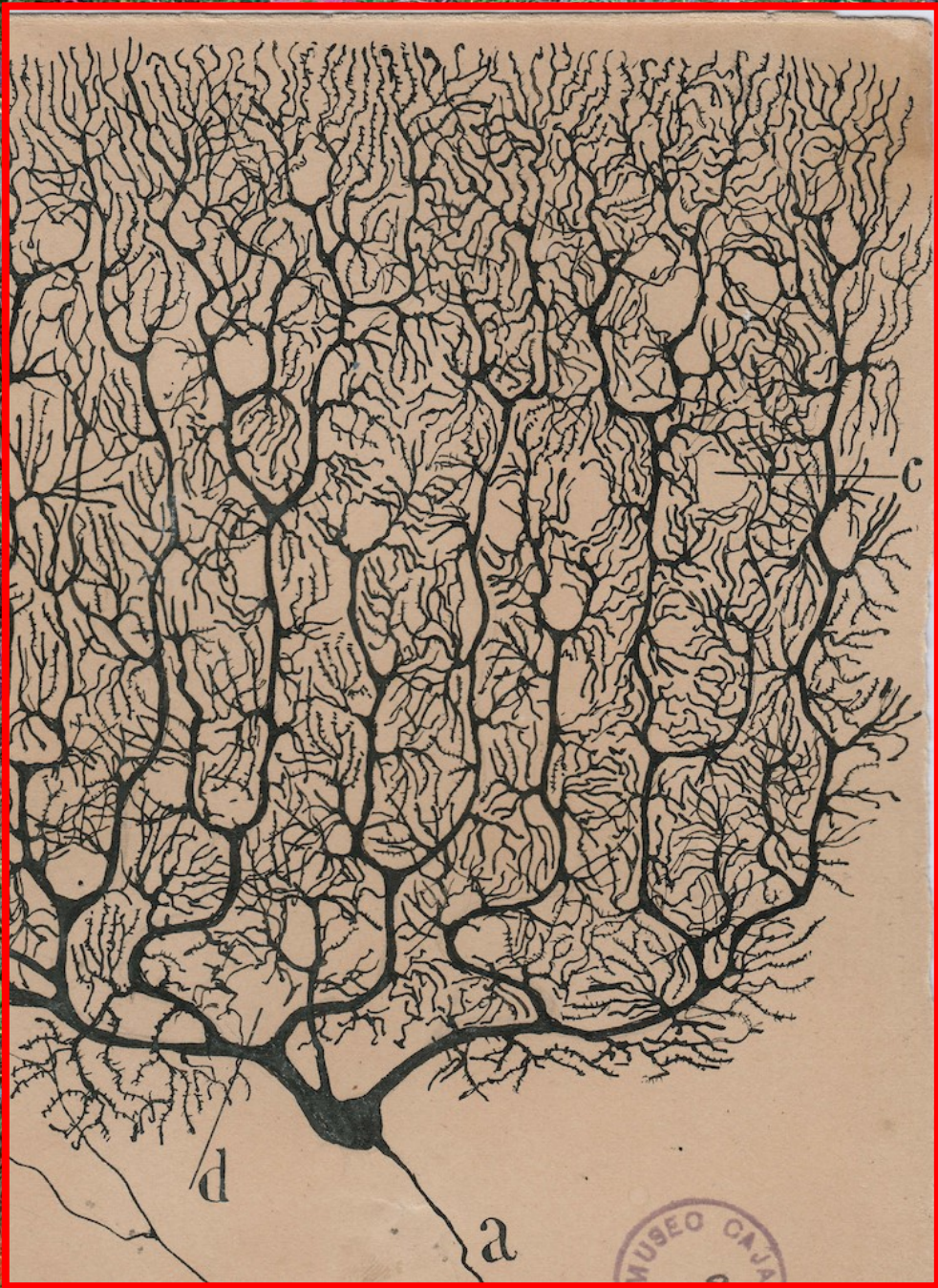
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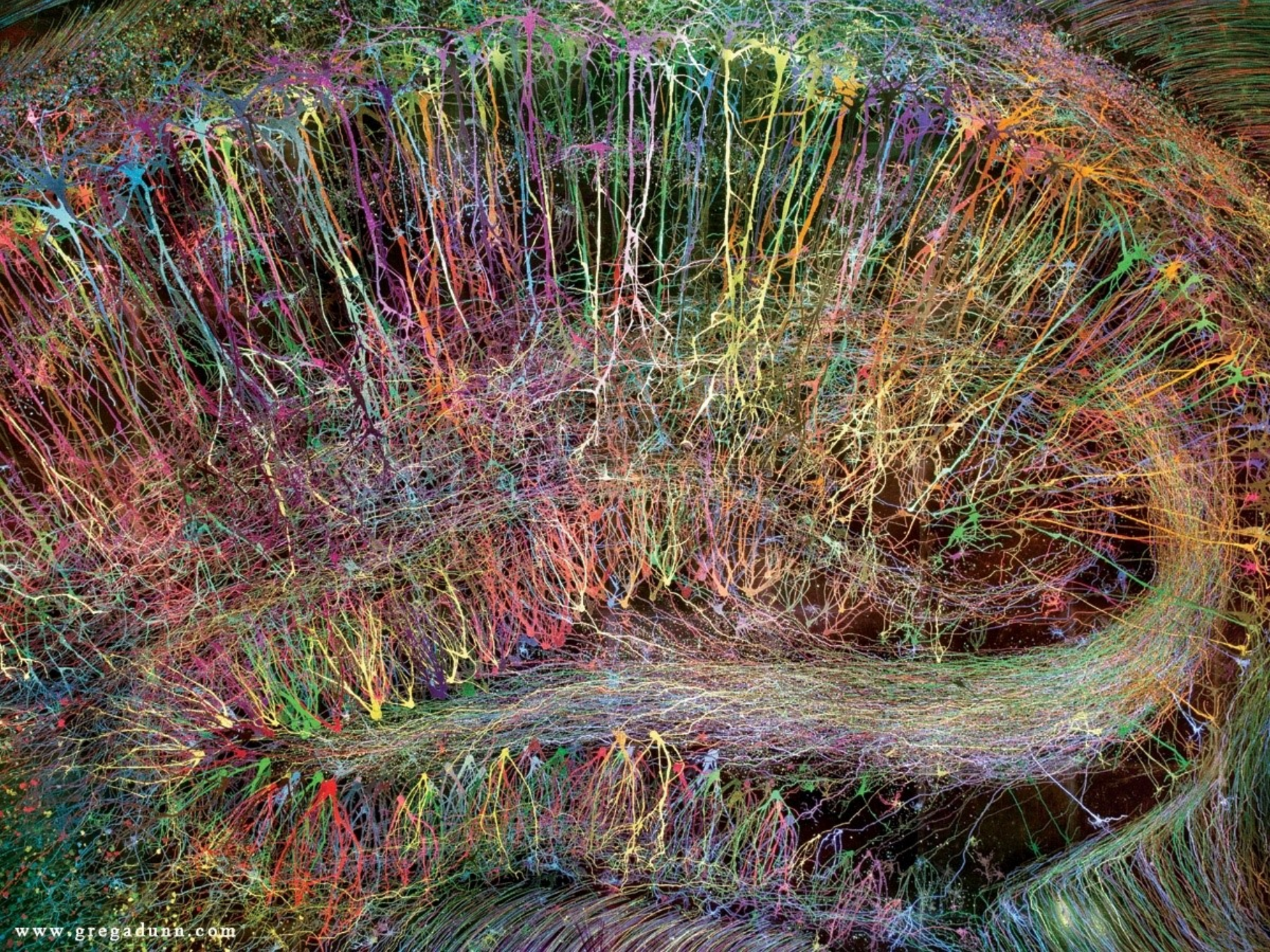


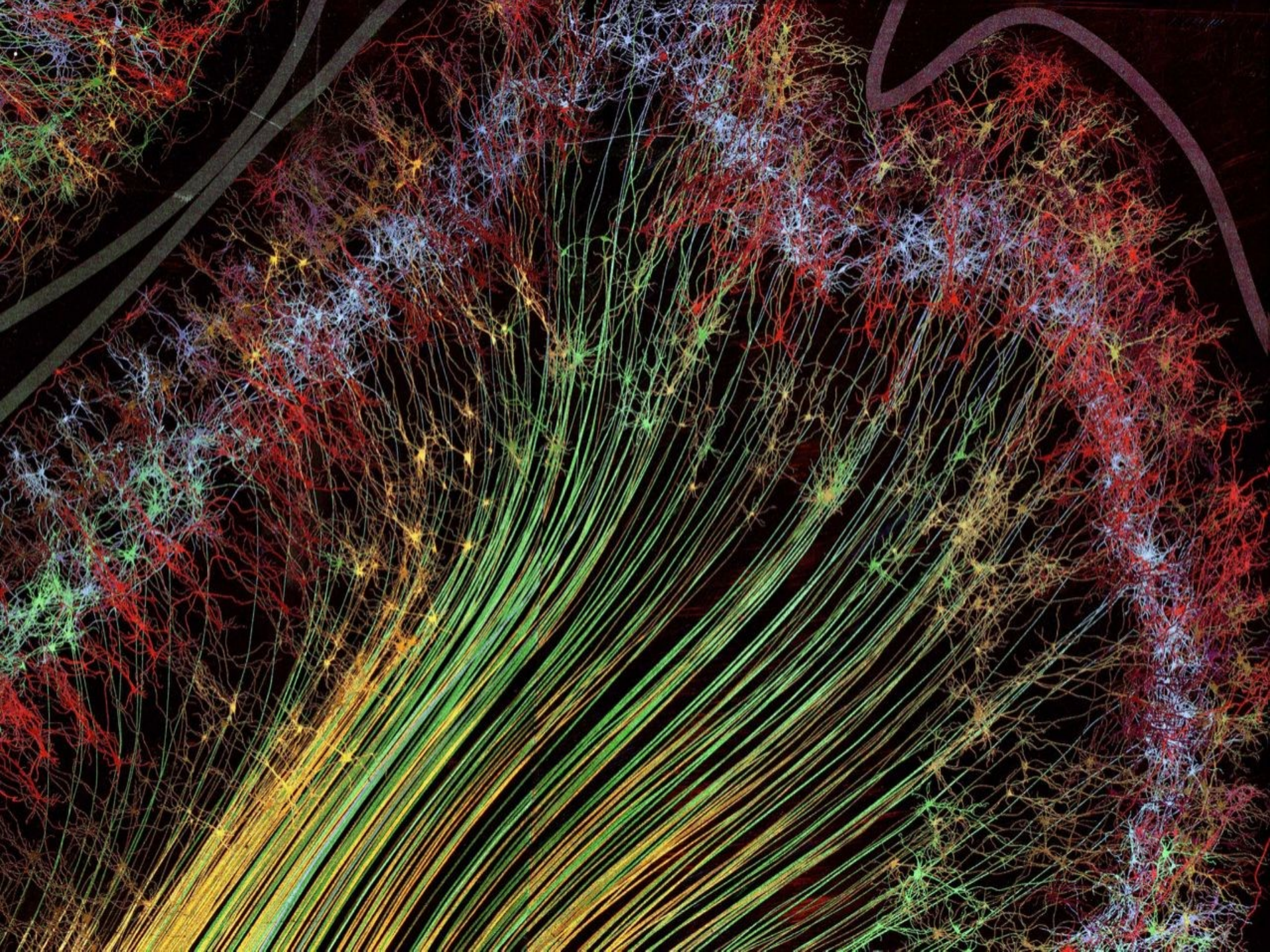
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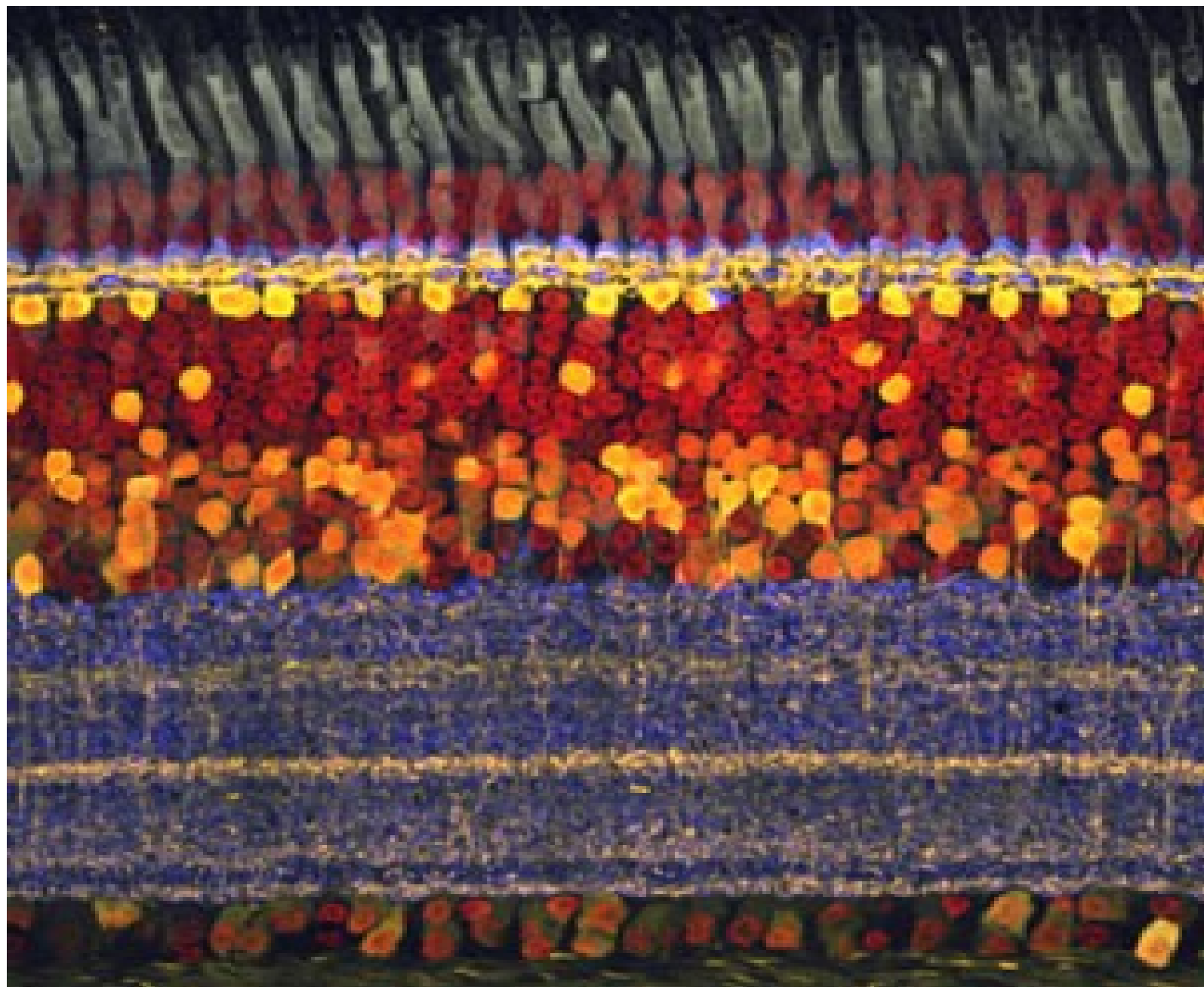


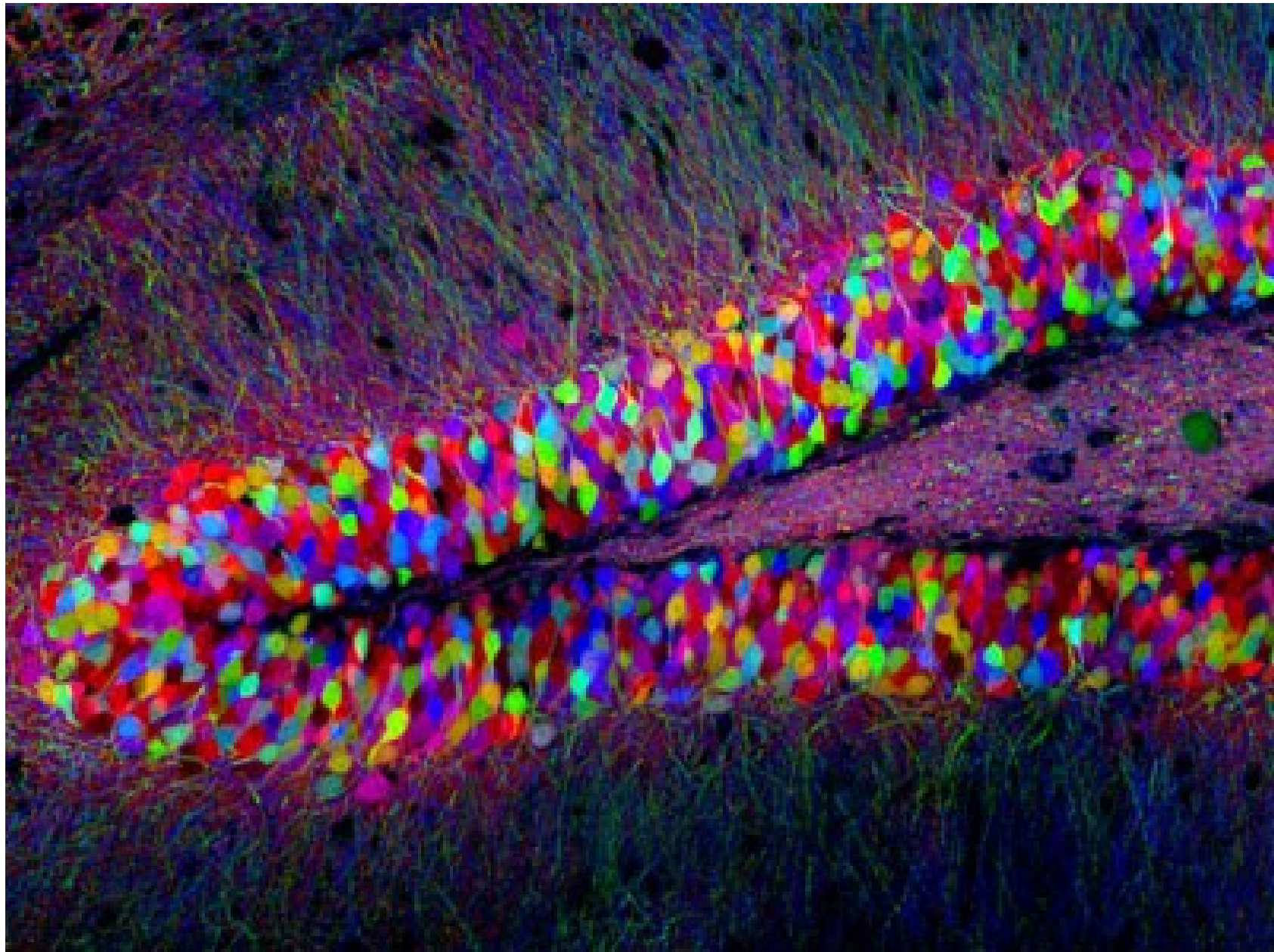


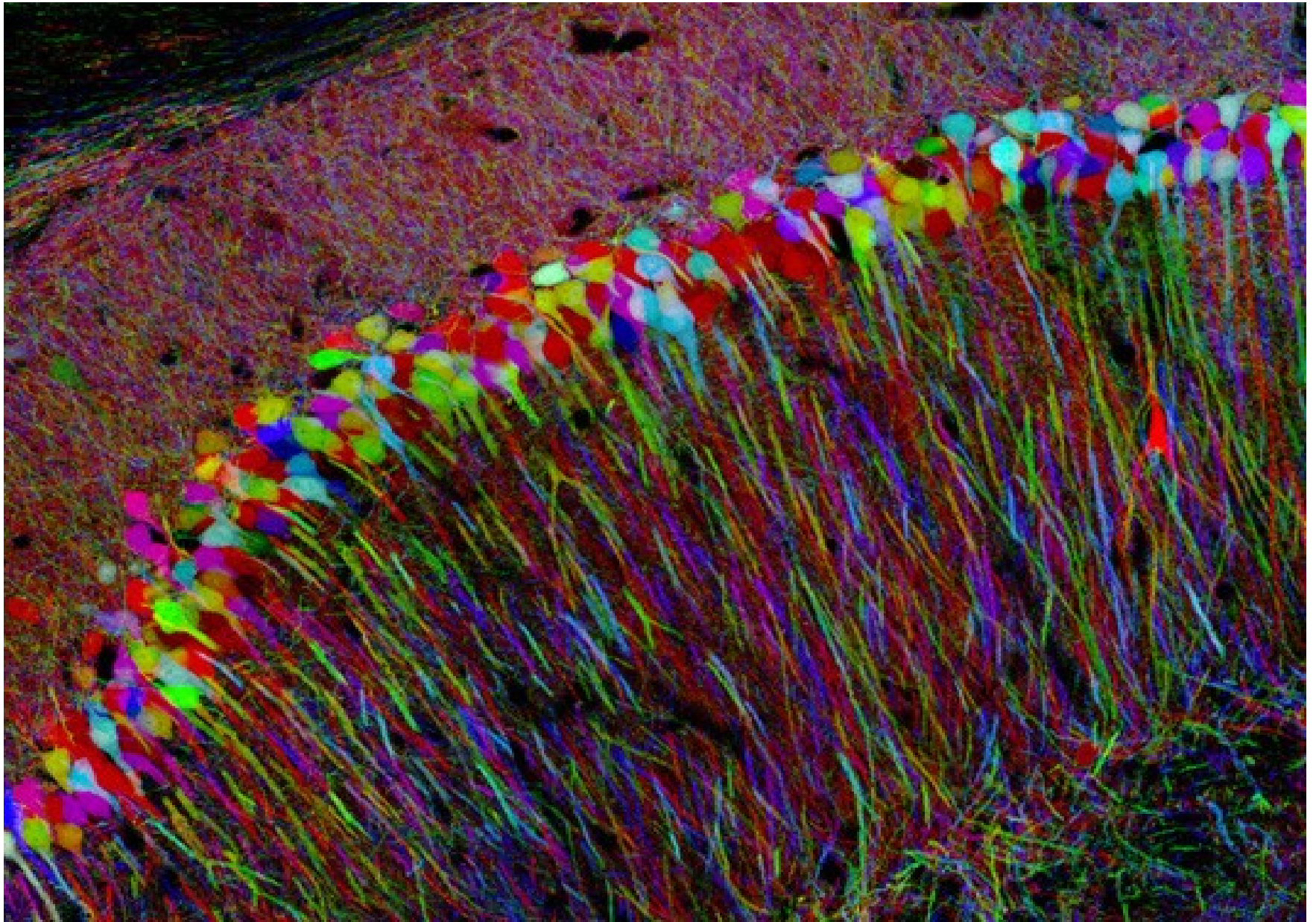


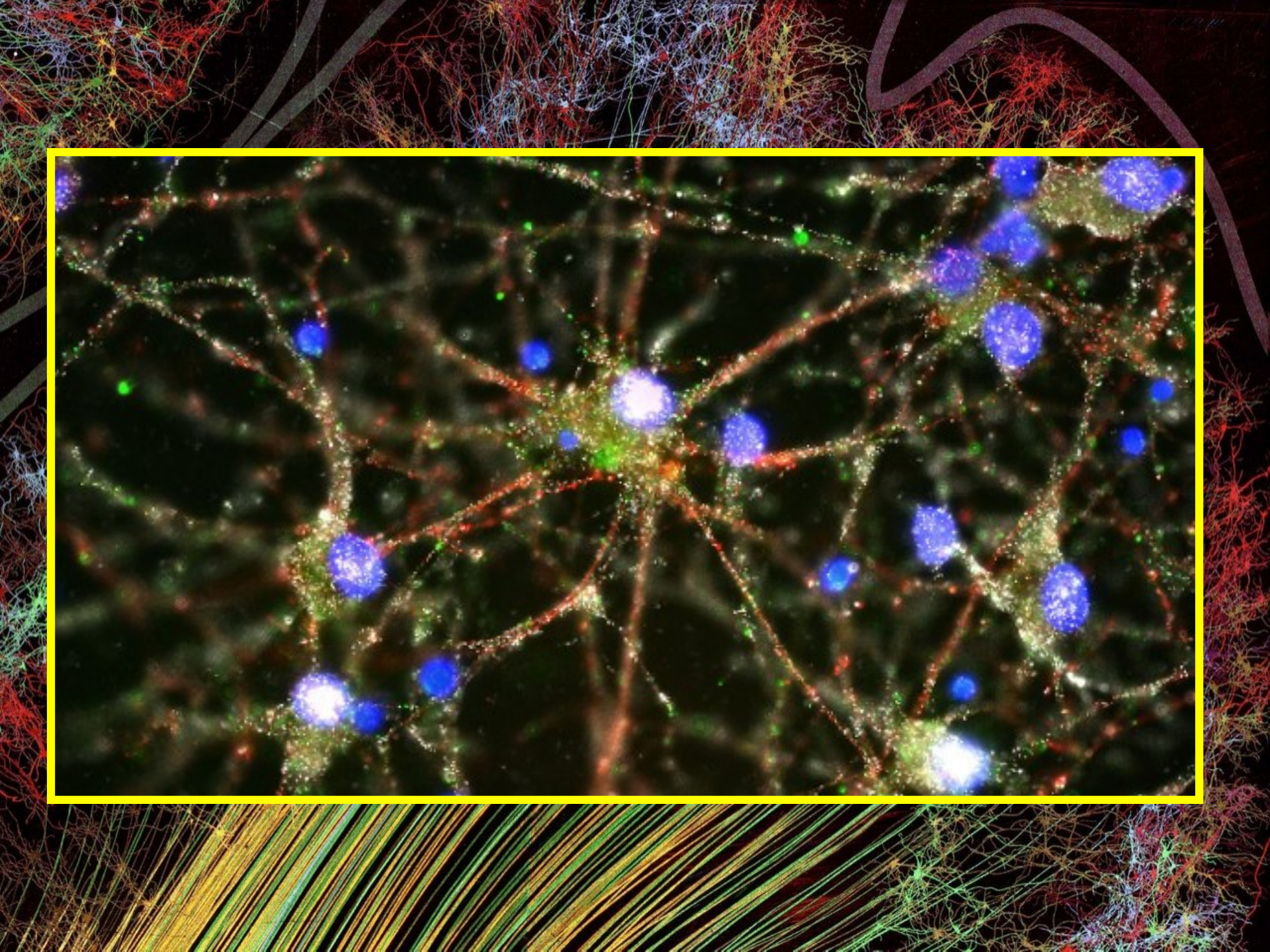


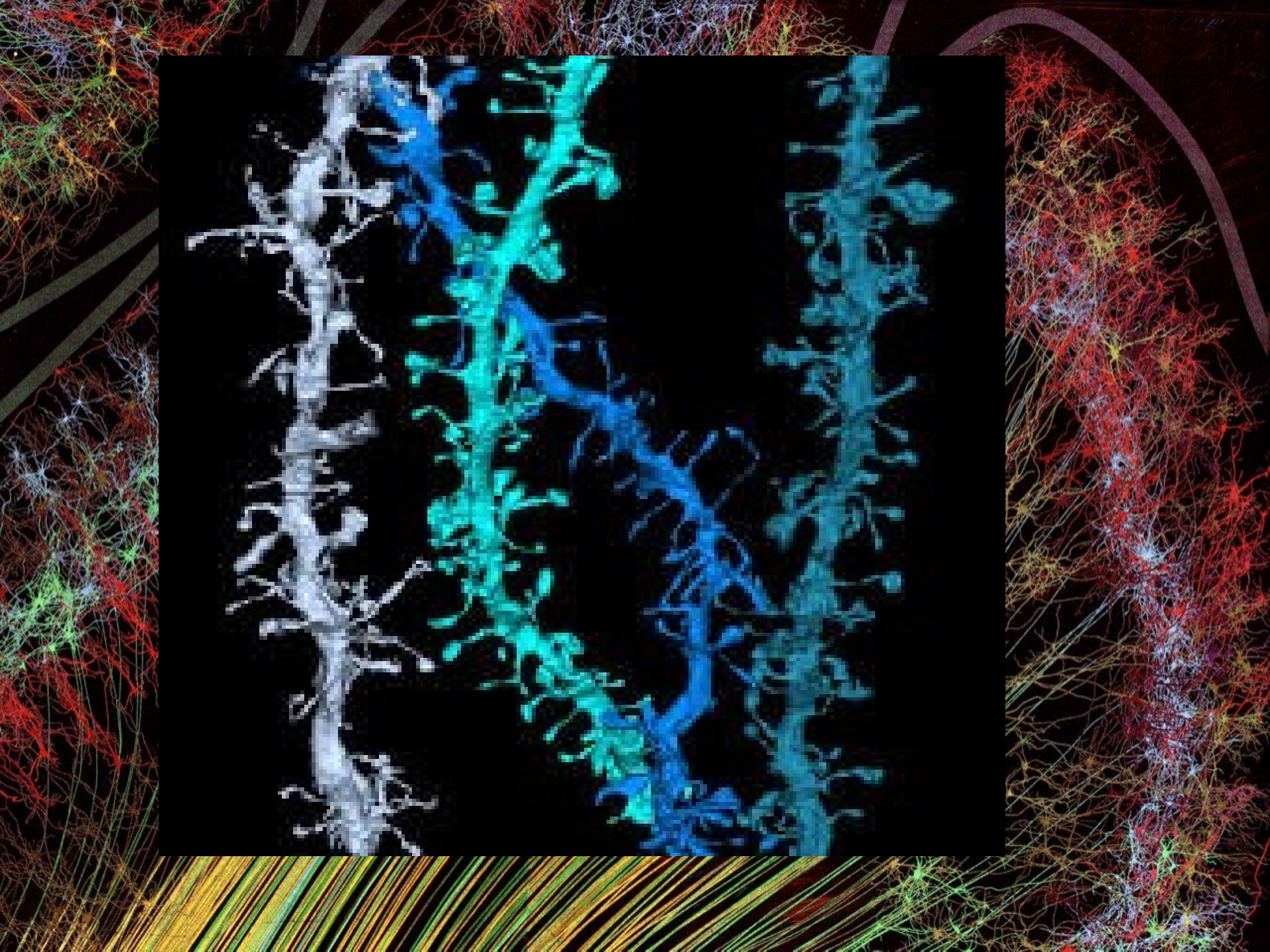
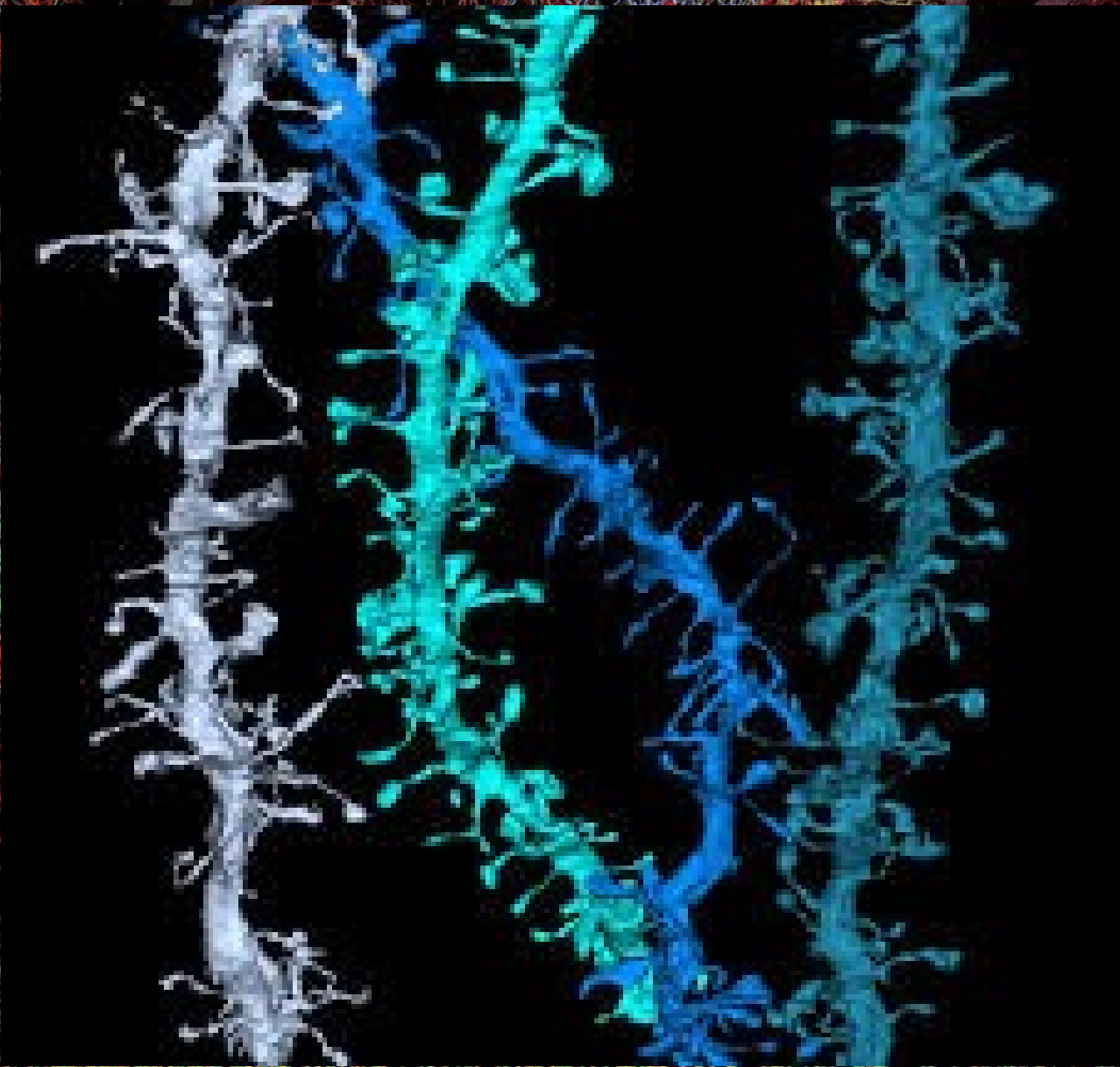








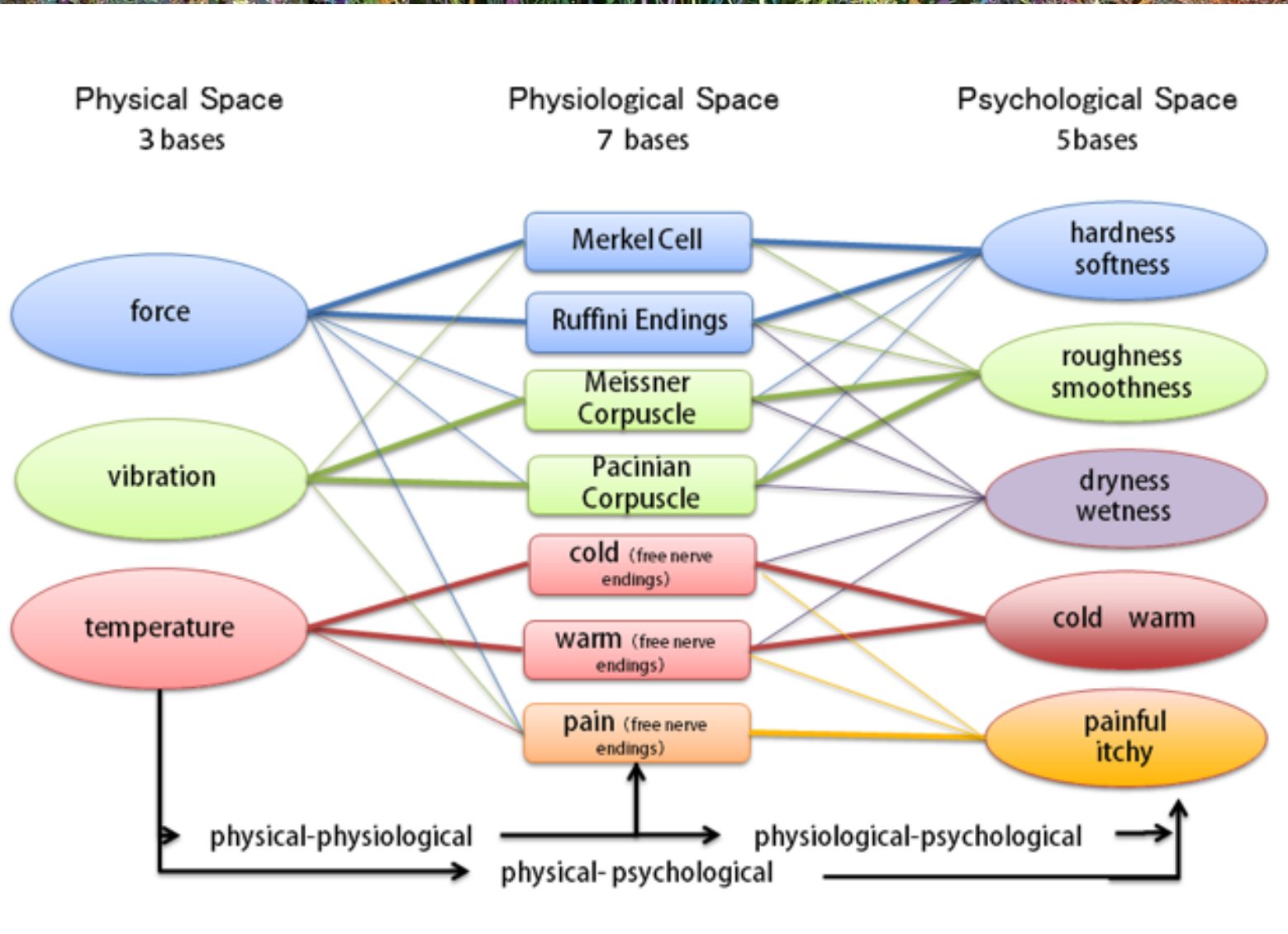




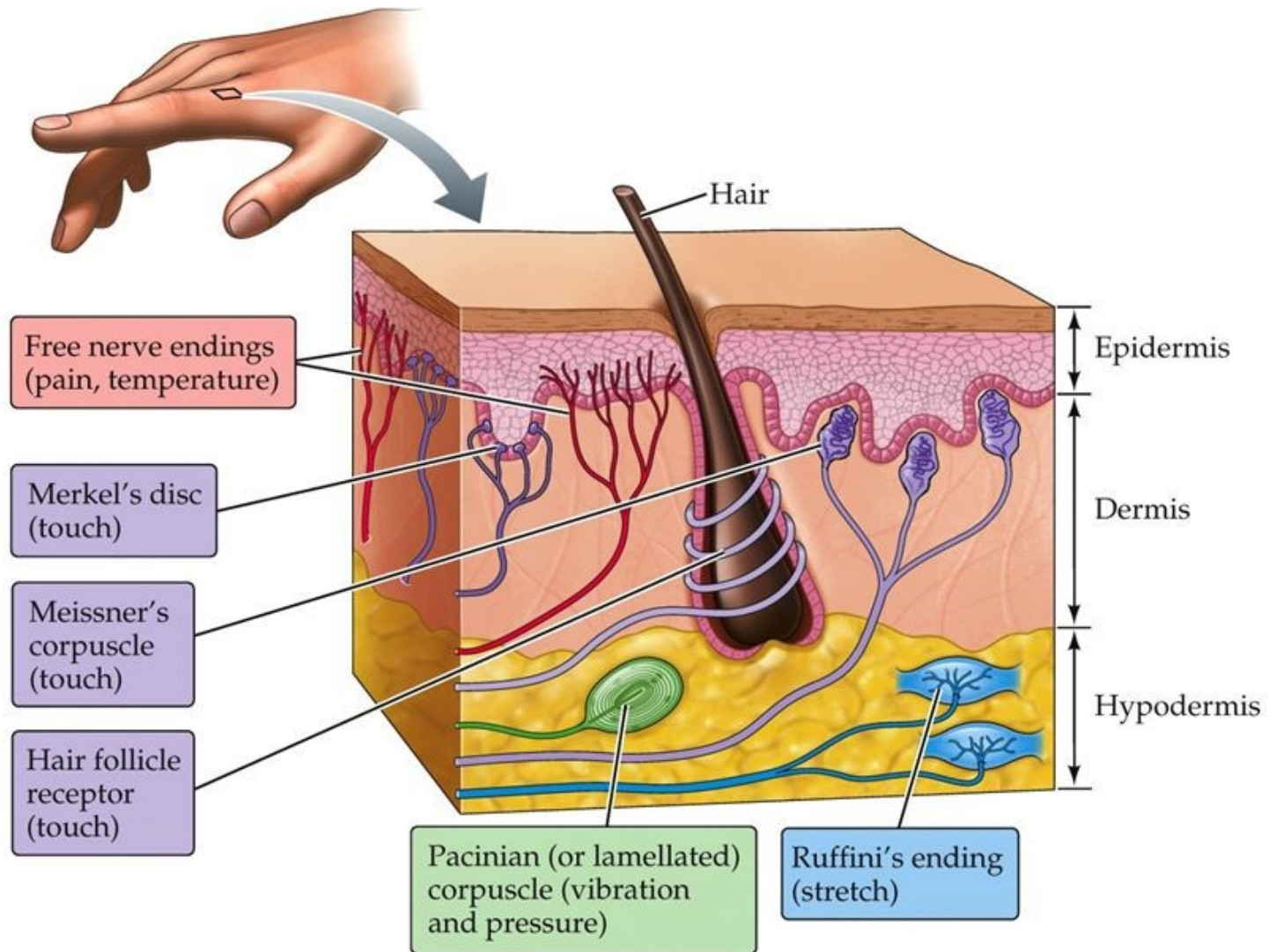
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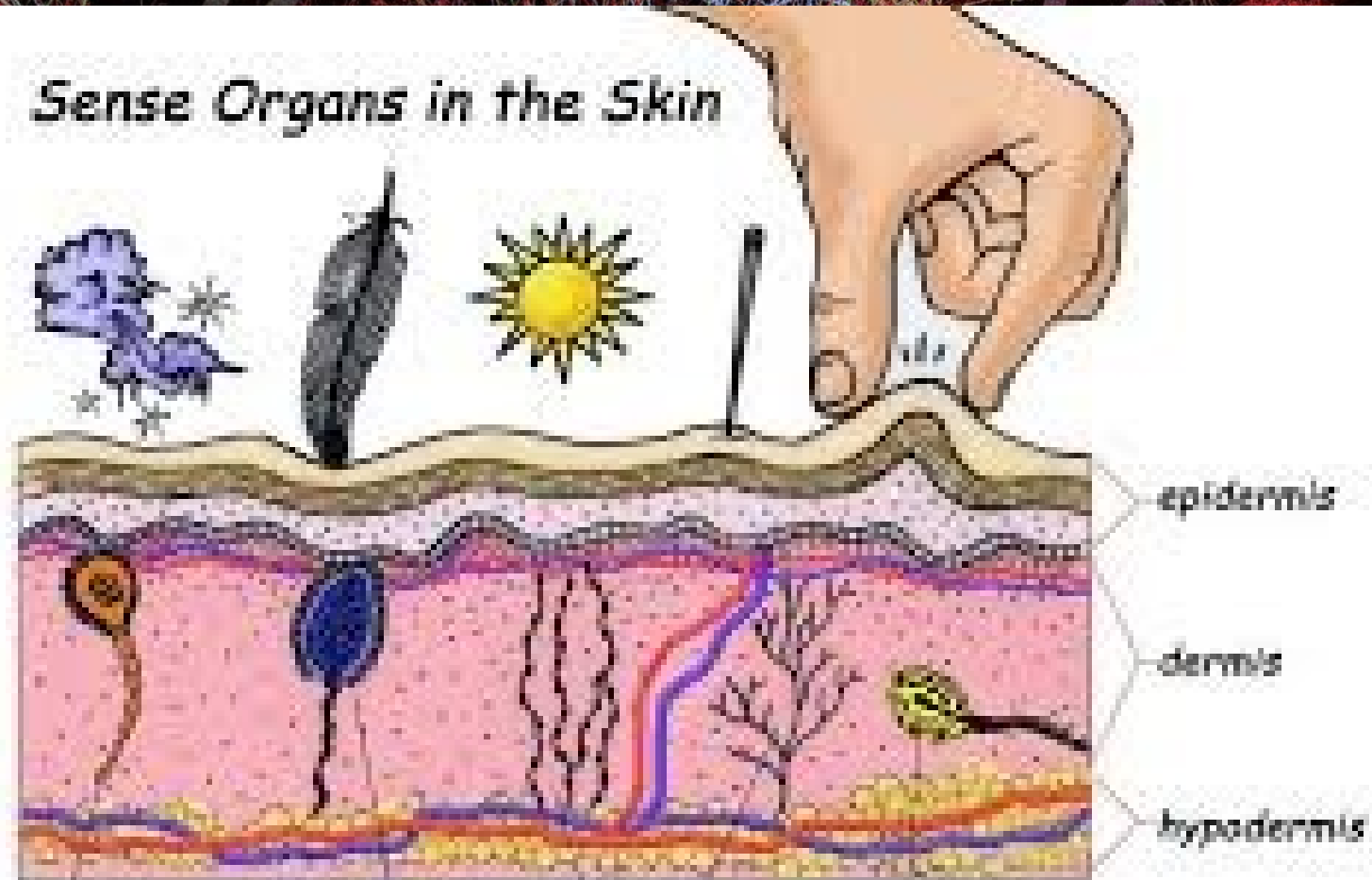


# Receptors in Skin



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# Sense Organs in the Skin

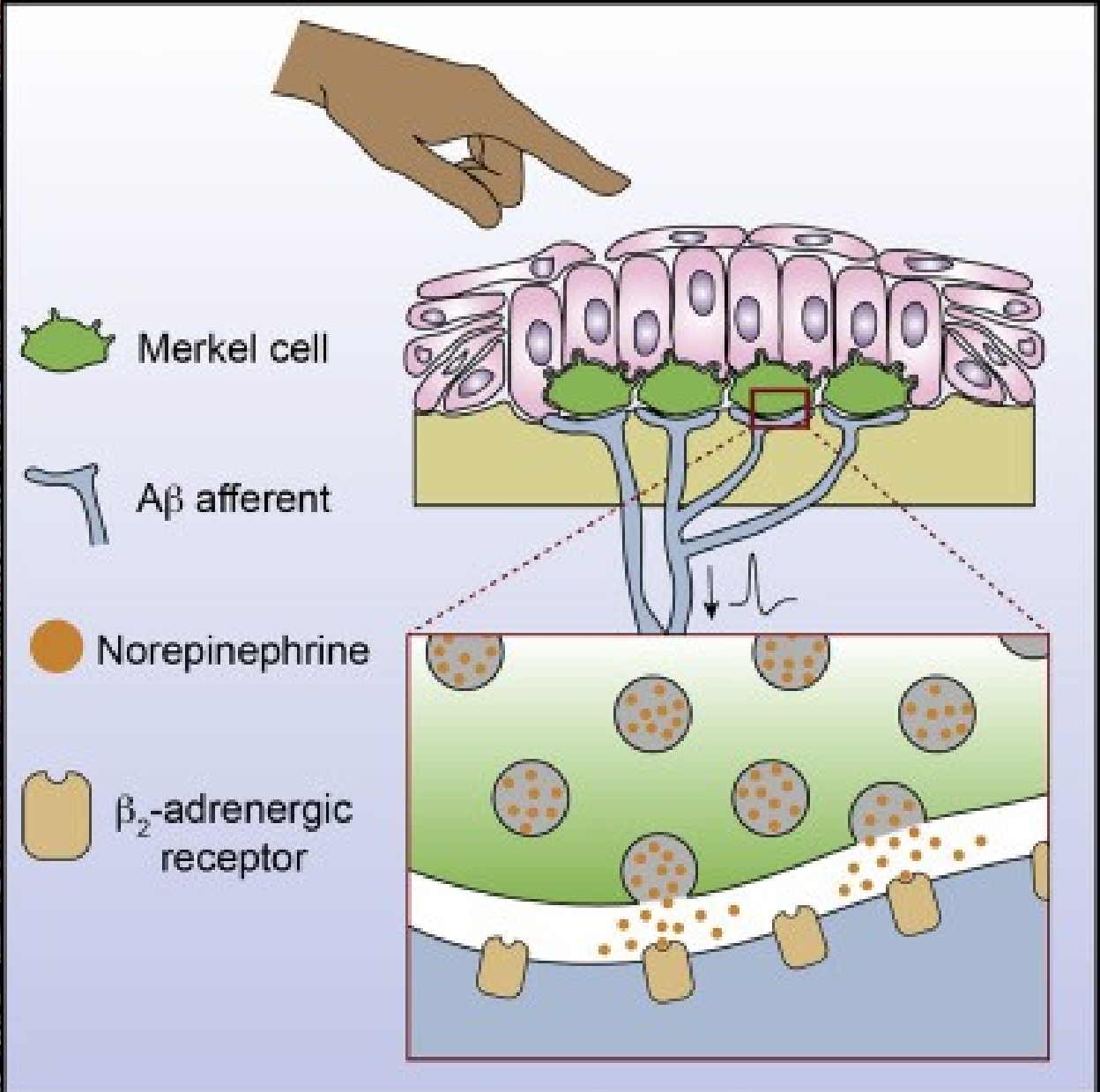


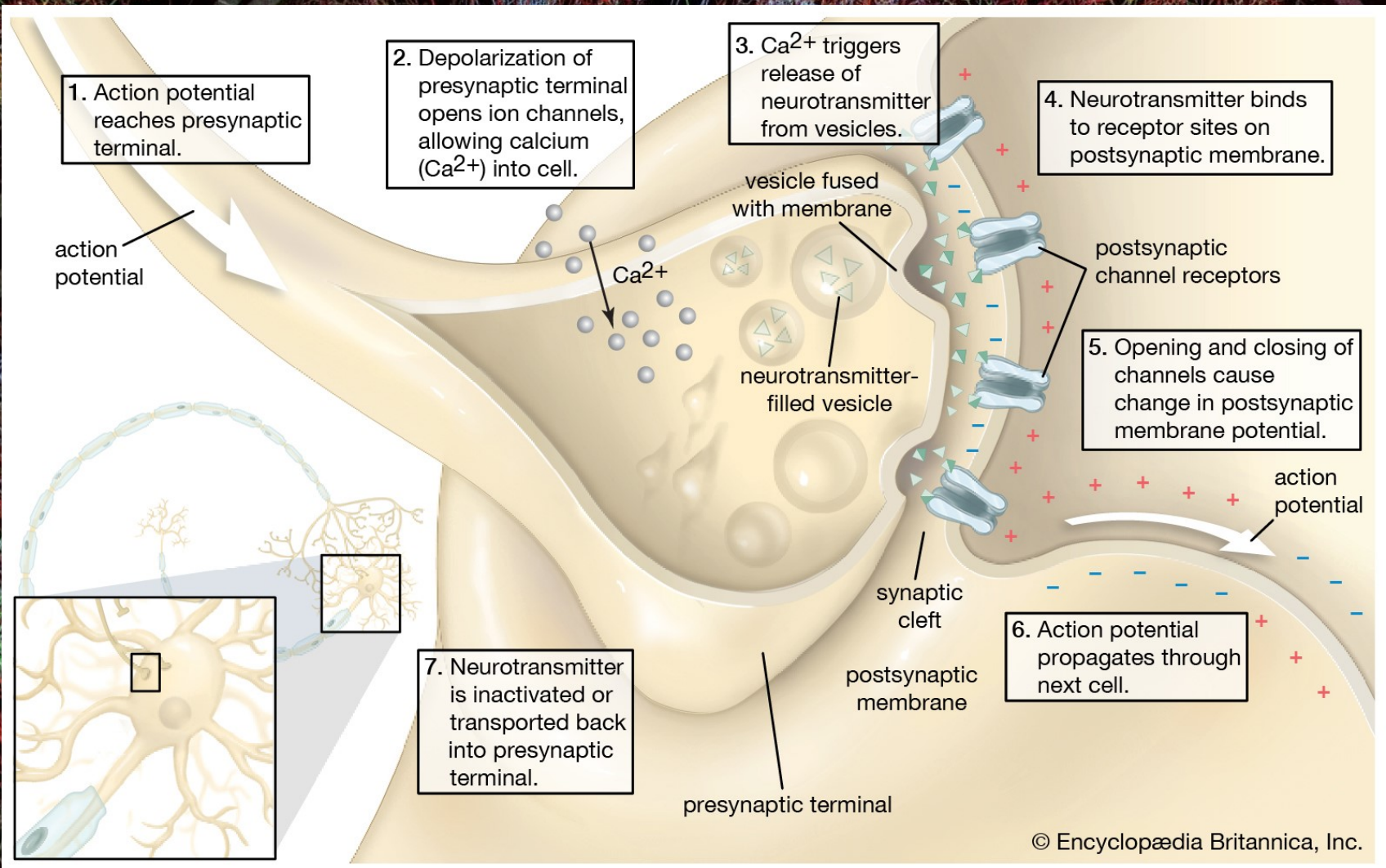
thermo-receptor  
senses heat  
or cold

Meissner's  
corpuscle  
senses "touch"

nociceptor  
senses pain

Pacinian  
corpuscle  
senses "pressure"





**Synaptic vesicle** ↓

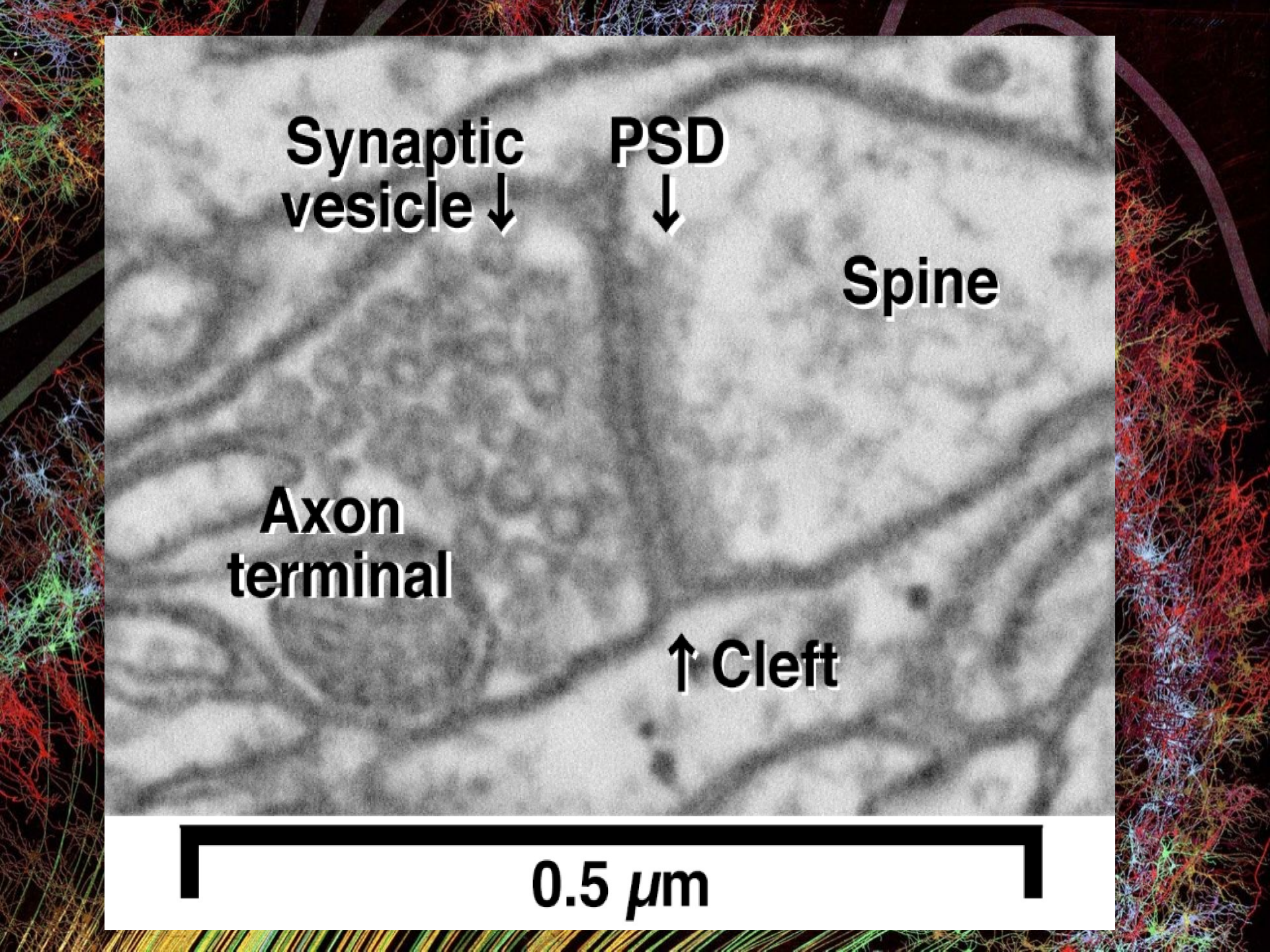
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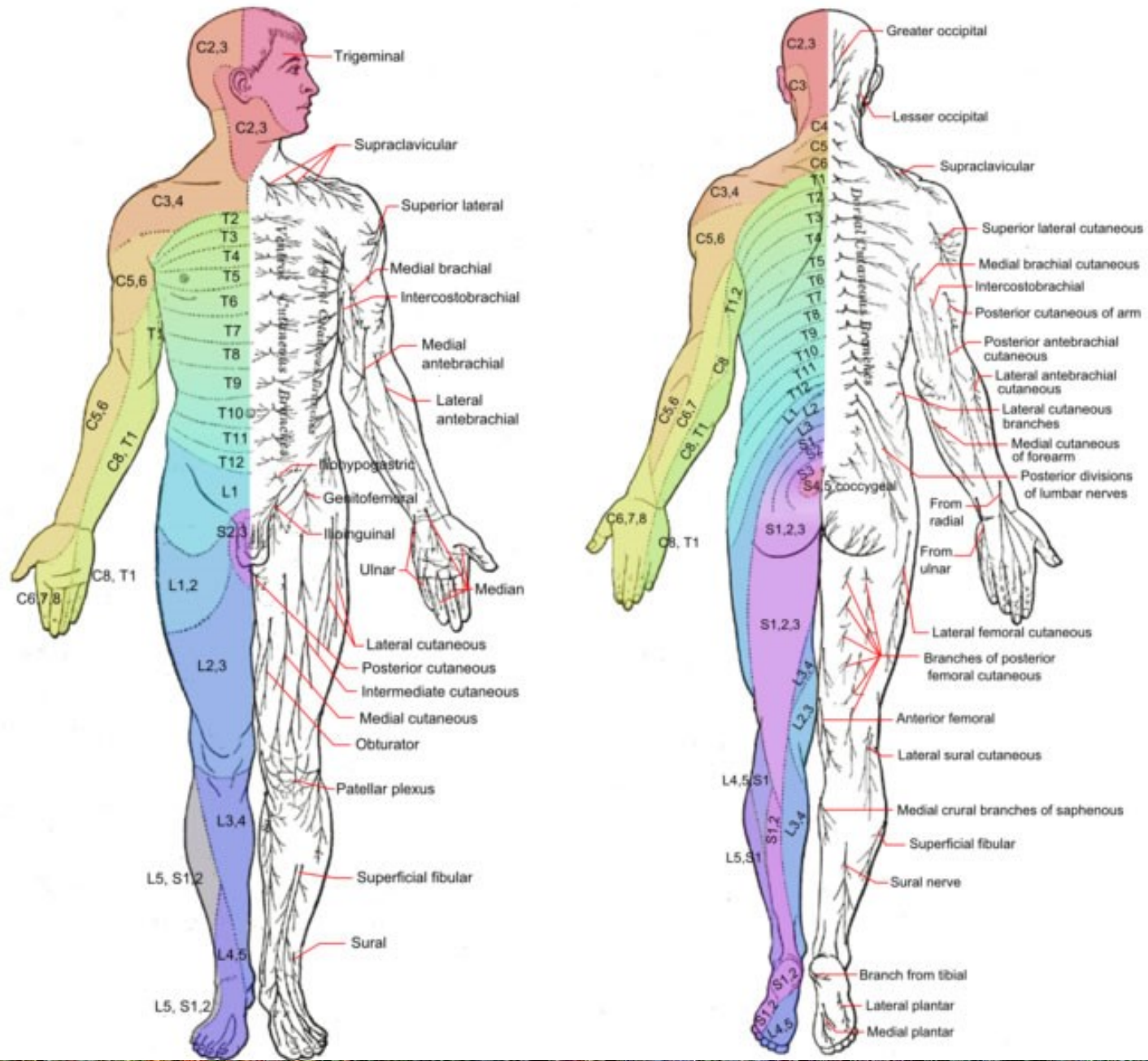
**Spine**

**Axon terminal**

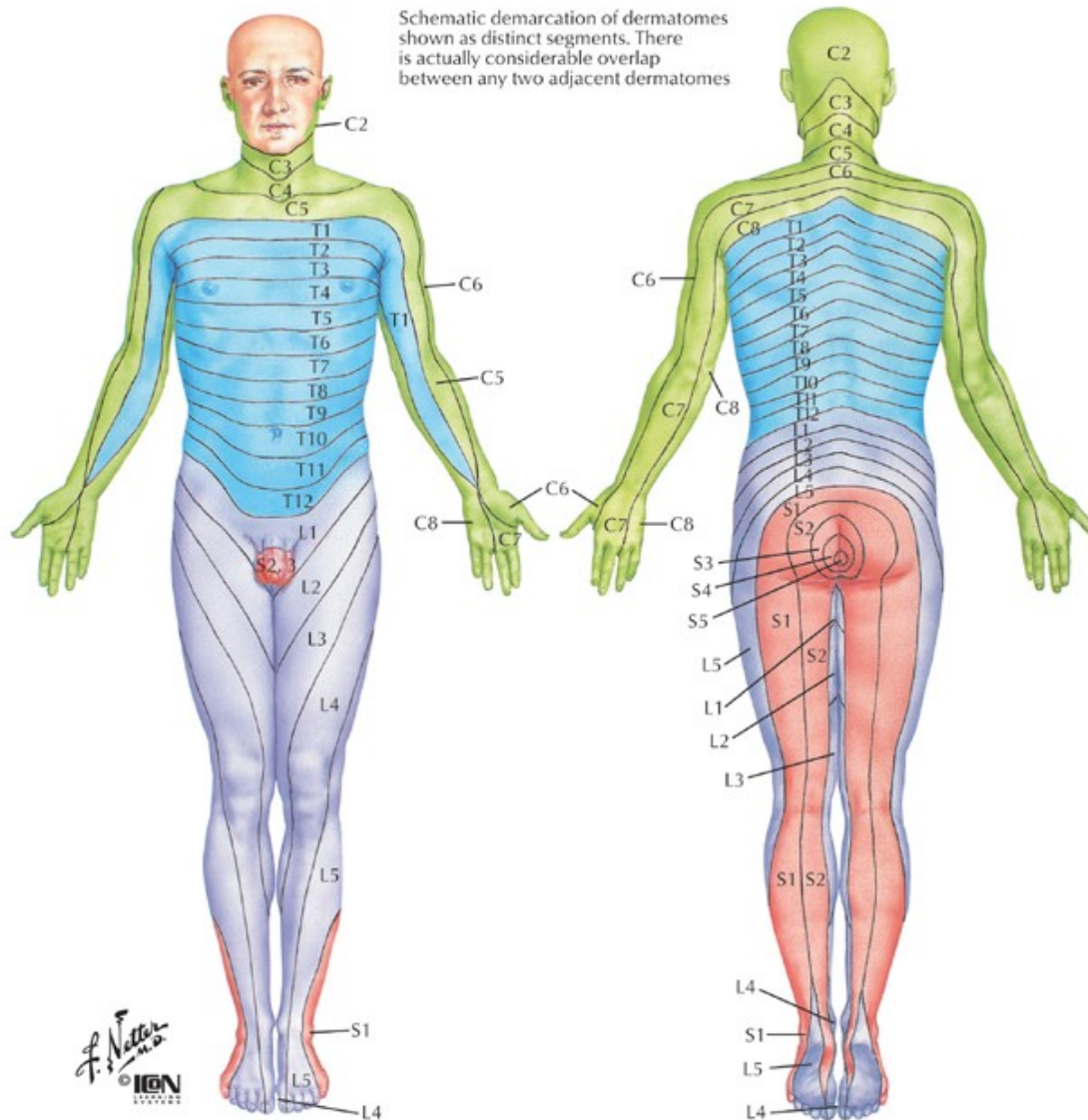
↑ **Cleft**

**0.5  $\mu\text{m}$**





Schematic demarcation of dermatomes shown as distinct segments. There is actually considerable overlap between any two adjacent dermatomes



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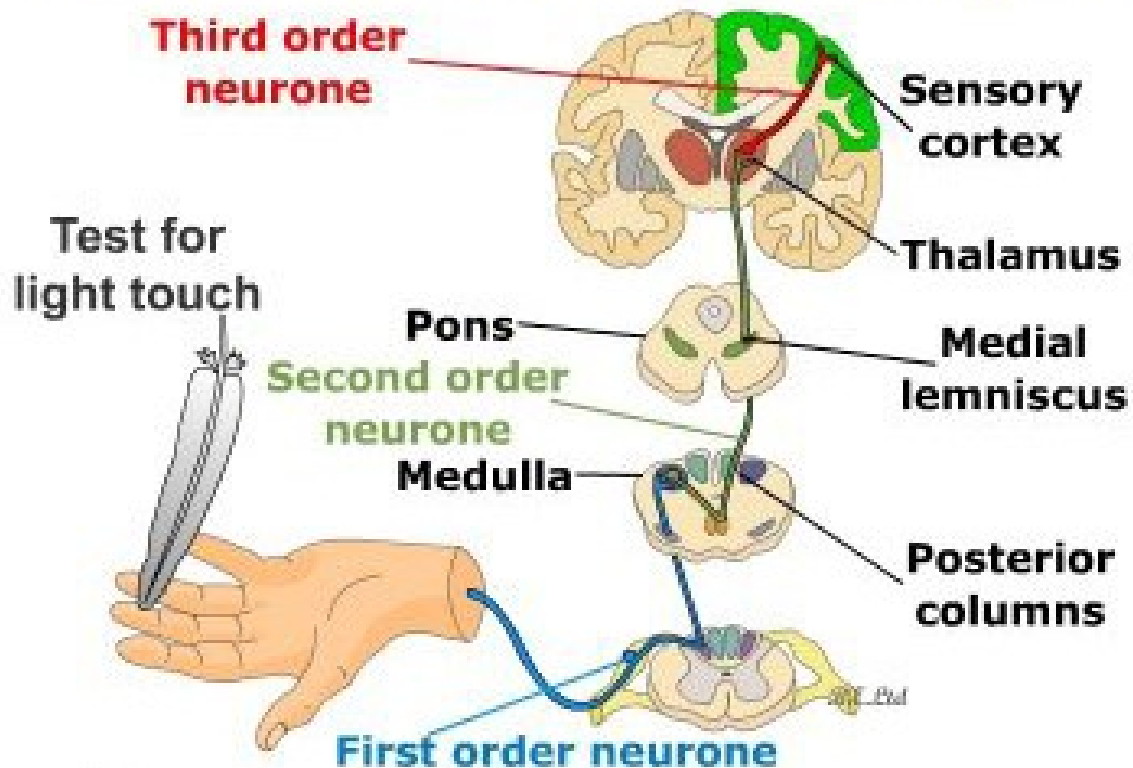
#### Levels of principal dermatomes

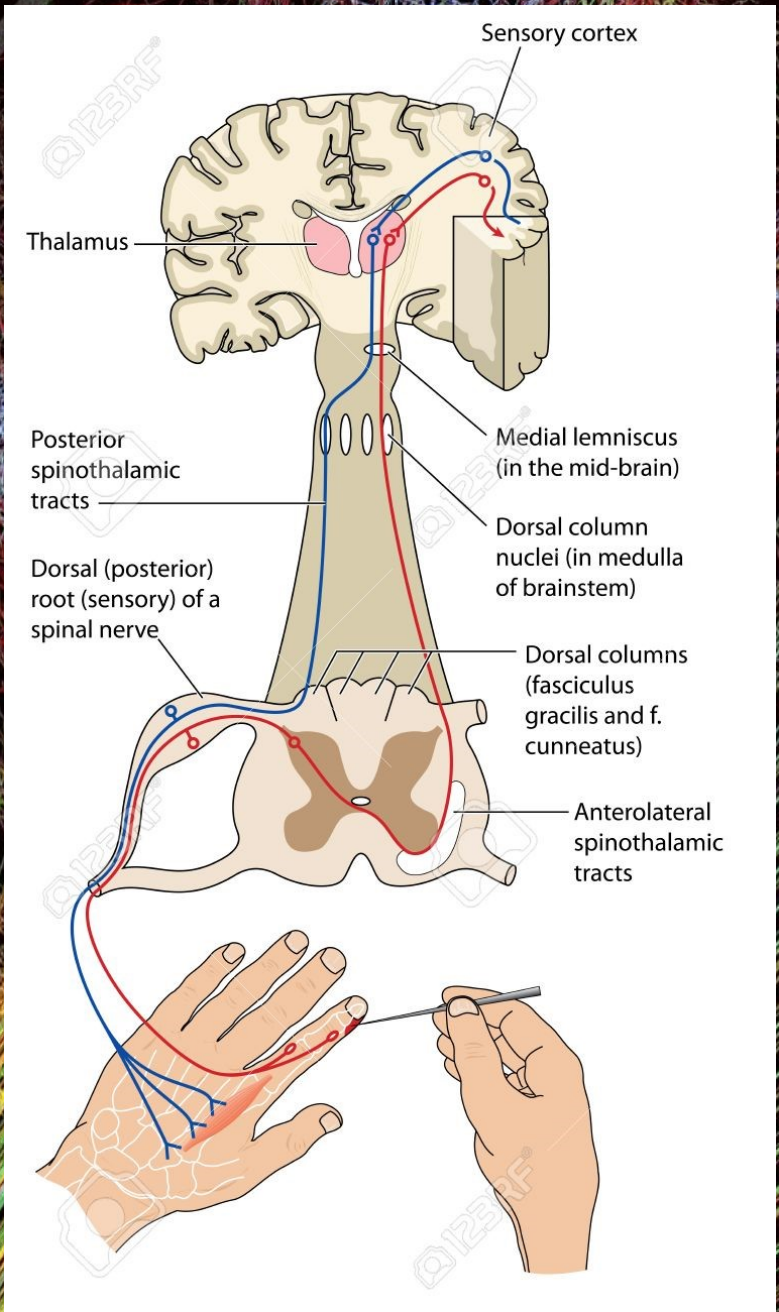
C5 Clavicles  
 C5, 6, 7 Lateral parts of upper limbs  
 C8, T1 Medial sides of upper limbs  
 C6 Thumb  
 C6, 7, 8 Hand  
 C8 Ring and little fingers  
 T4 Level of nipples

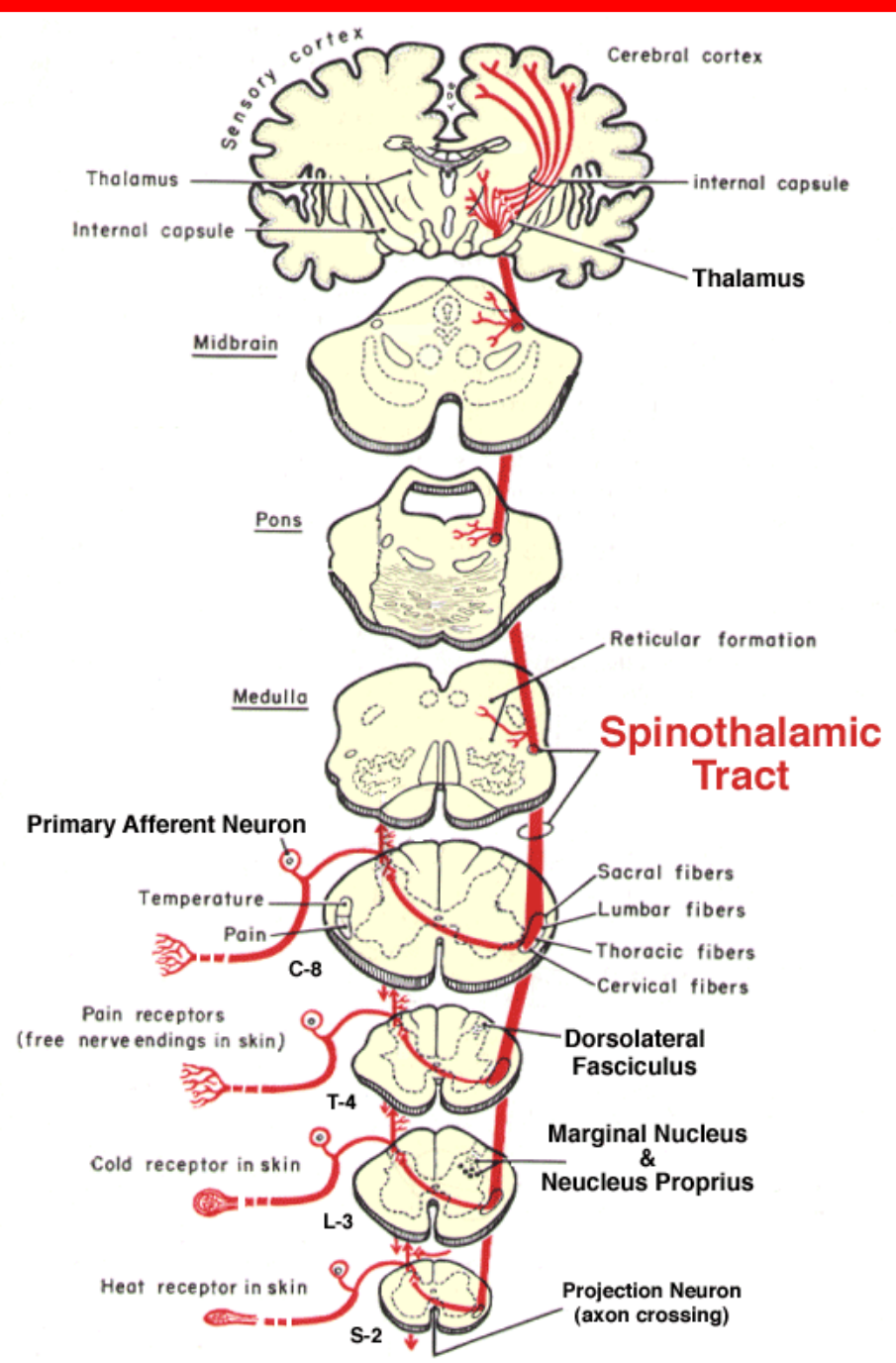
T10 Level of umbilicus  
 T12 Inguinal or groin regions  
 L1, 2, 3, 4 Anterior and inner surfaces of lower limbs  
 L4, 5, S1 Foot  
 L4 Medial side of great toe  
 S1, 2, L5 Posterior and outer surfaces of lower limbs  
 S1 Lateral margin of foot and little toe  
 S2, 3, 4 Perineum

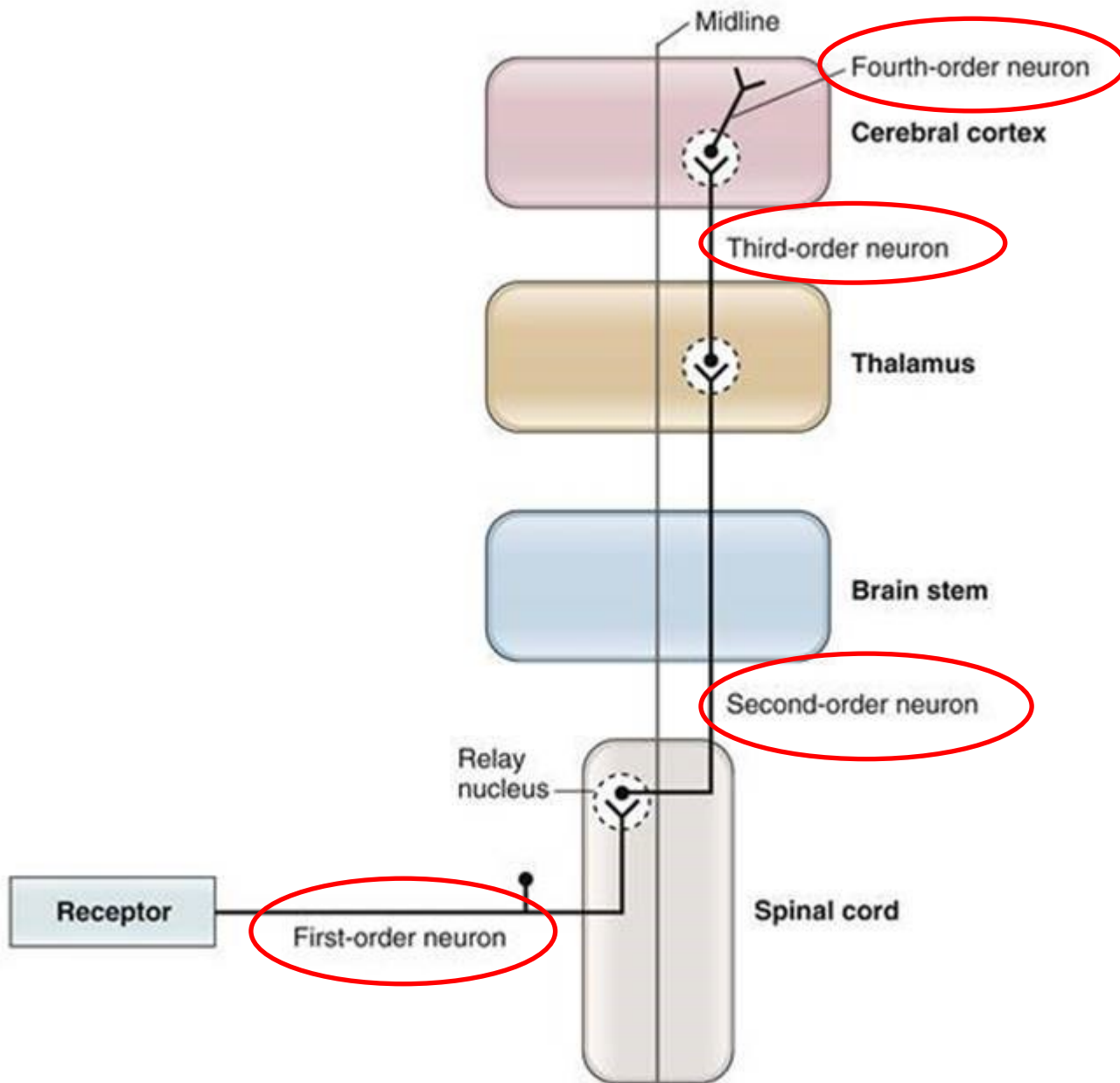


## Posterior column-medial lemniscus pathway



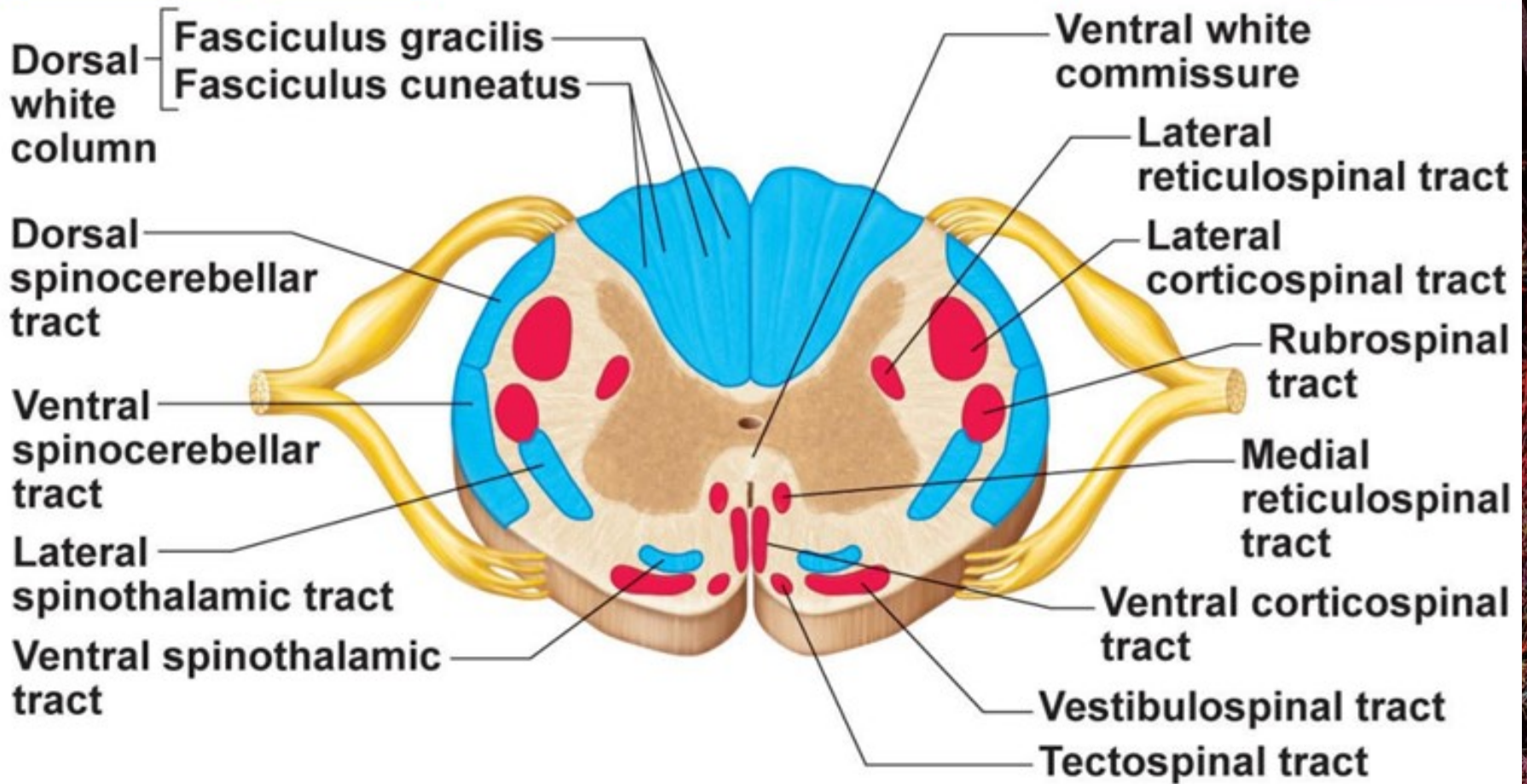


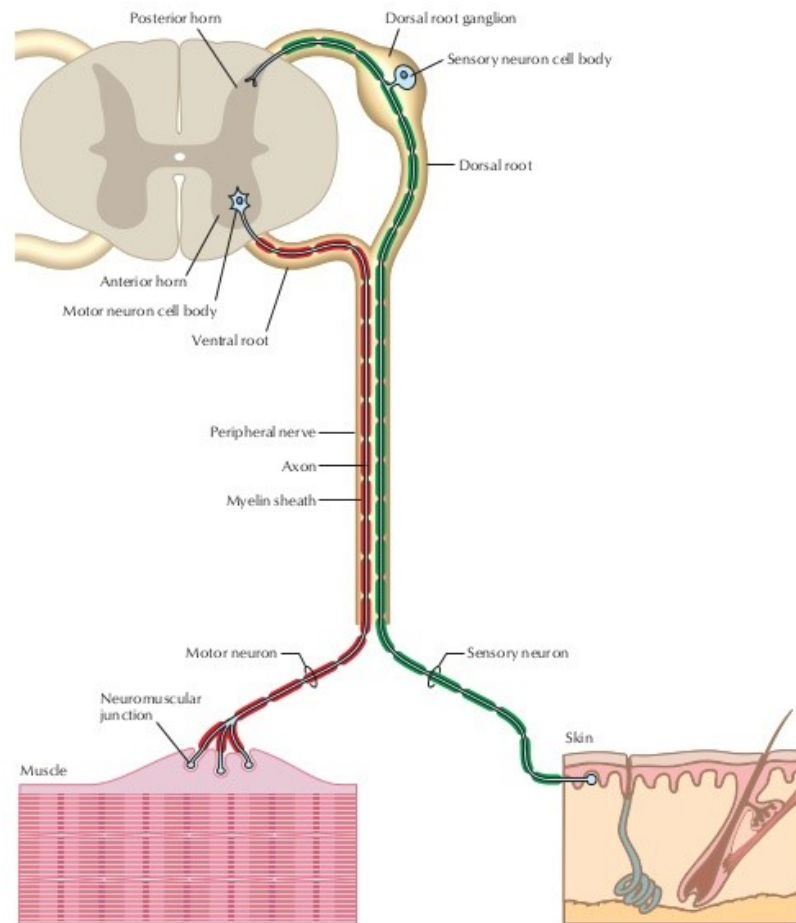




## Ascending tracts

## Descending tracts

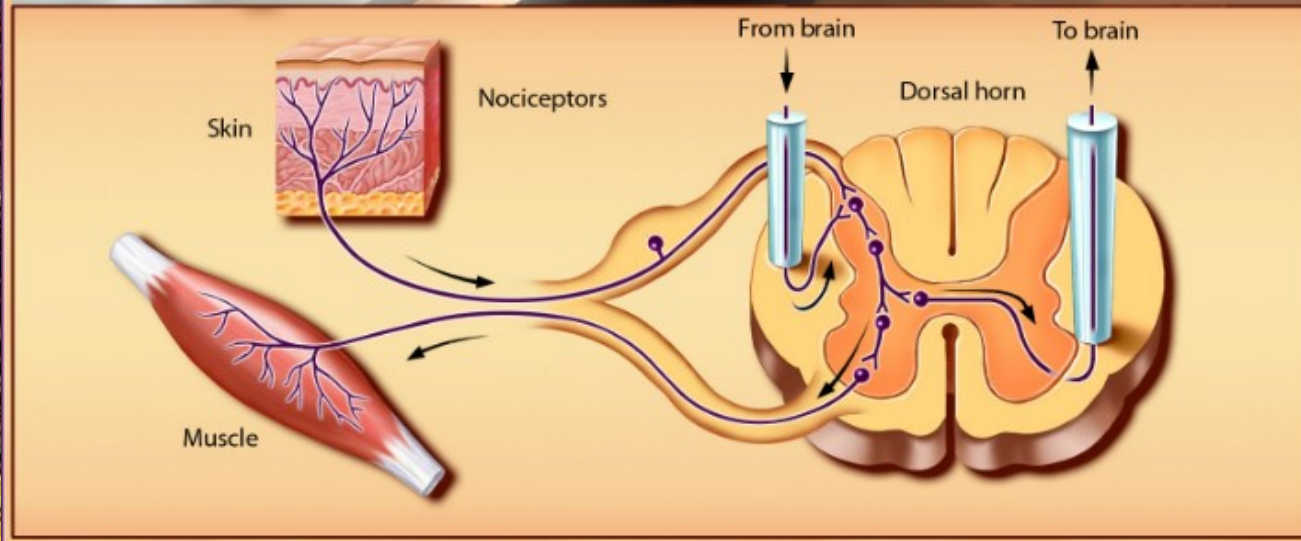
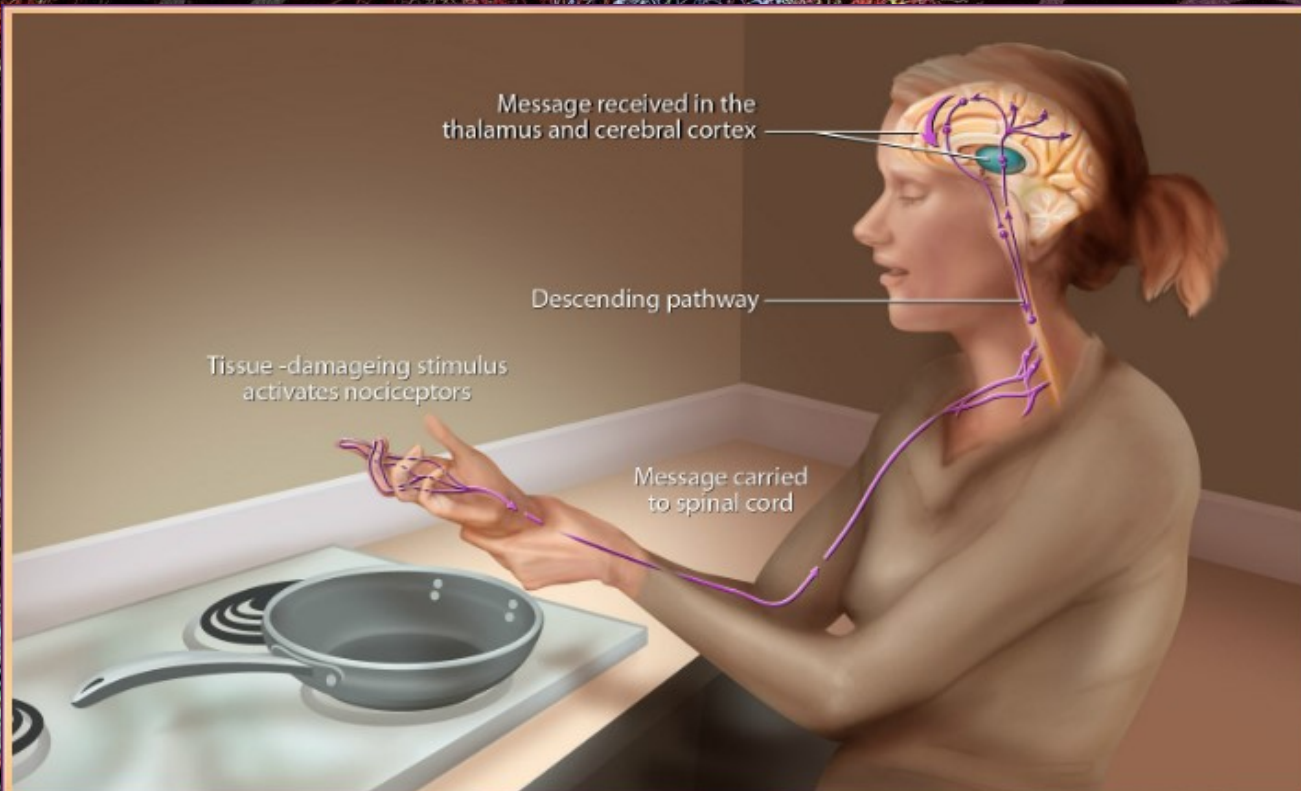




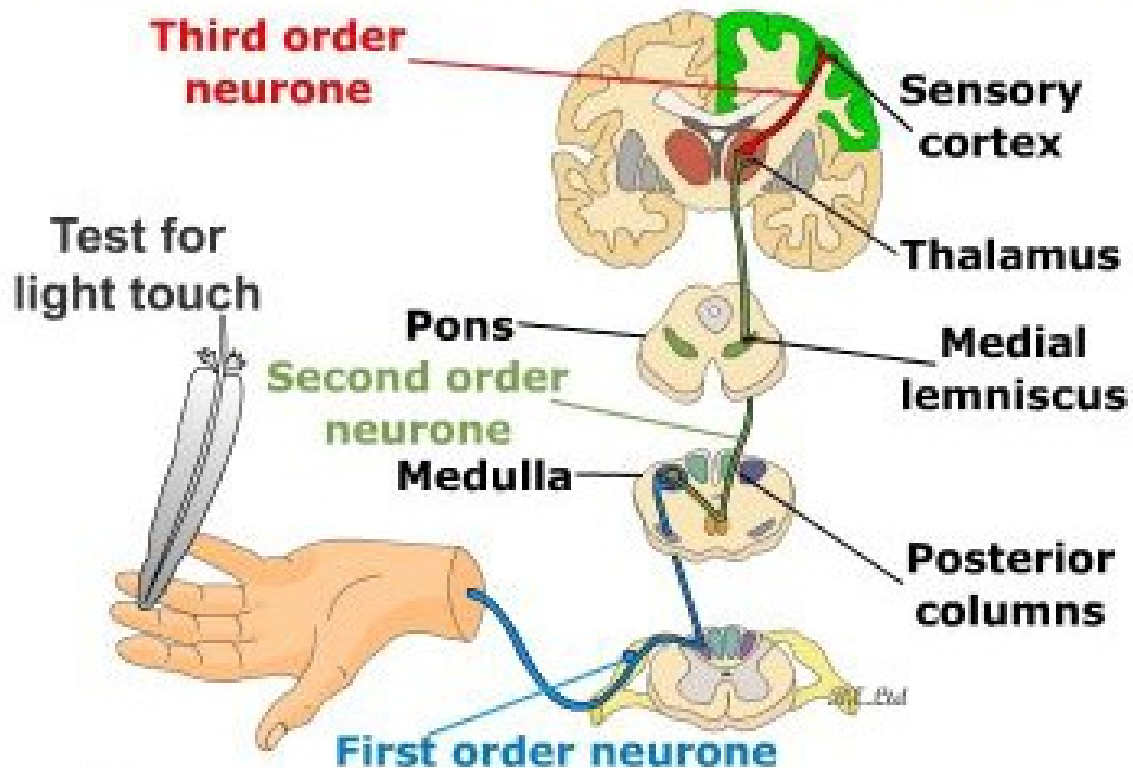
**FIGURE 2.14 PERIPHERAL NERVOUS SYSTEM**

The peripheral nervous system (PNS) consists of all of the neural elements outside of the CNS (brain and spinal cord) and provides the connections between the CNS and all other body organ systems. The PNS consists of somatic and autonomic components. The somatic component innervates skeletal muscle and skin and is

shown here (see Figure 2.15 for the autonomic nervous system). The somatic component of the peripheral nerves contains both motor and sensory axons. Cell bodies of the motor neurons are found in the anterior horn gray matter, whereas the cell bodies of sensory neurons are located in the dorsal root ganglia.



## Posterior column-medial lemniscus pathway



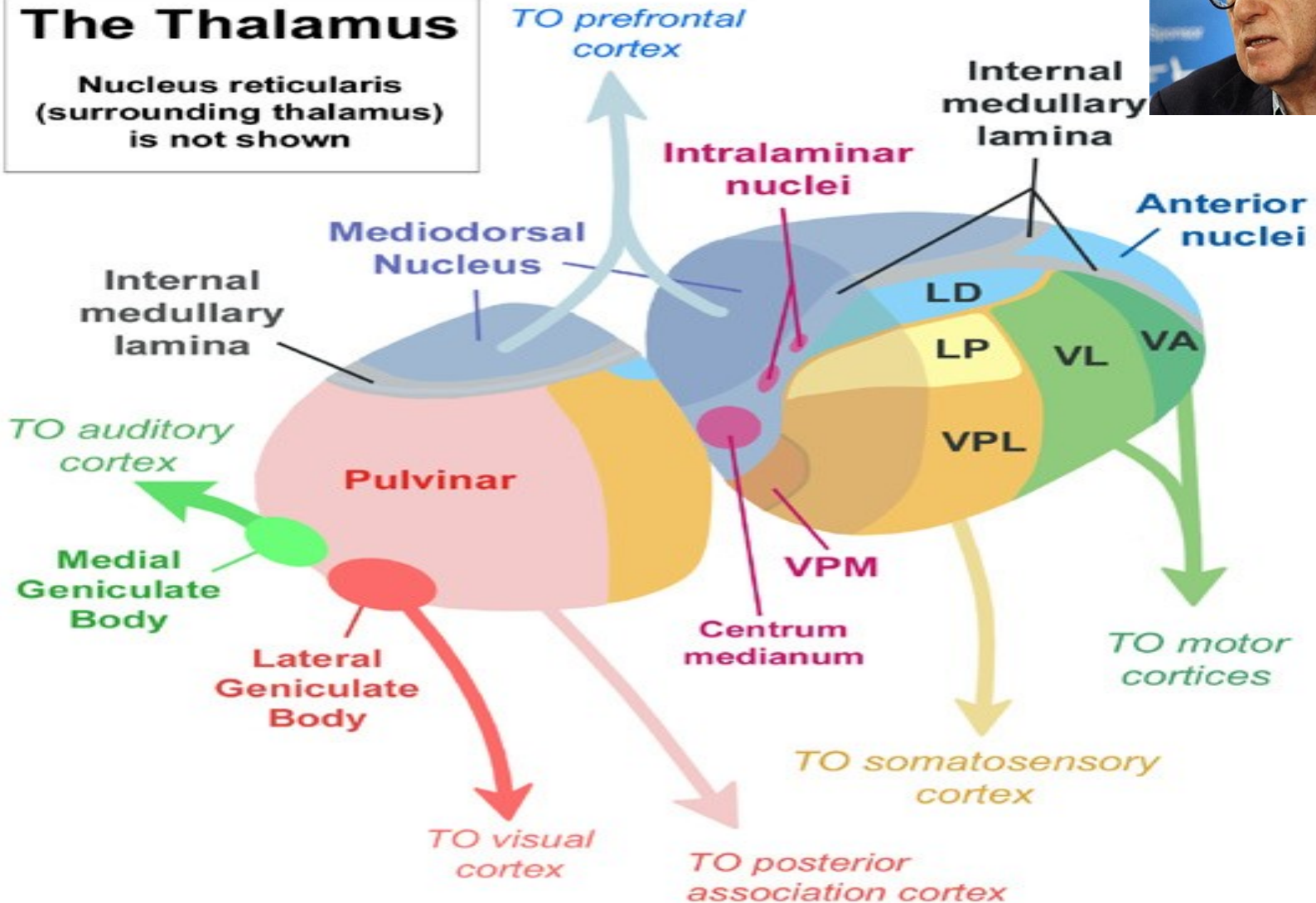


# LA CABINA DI REGIA DEL SISTEMA SENSORIALE

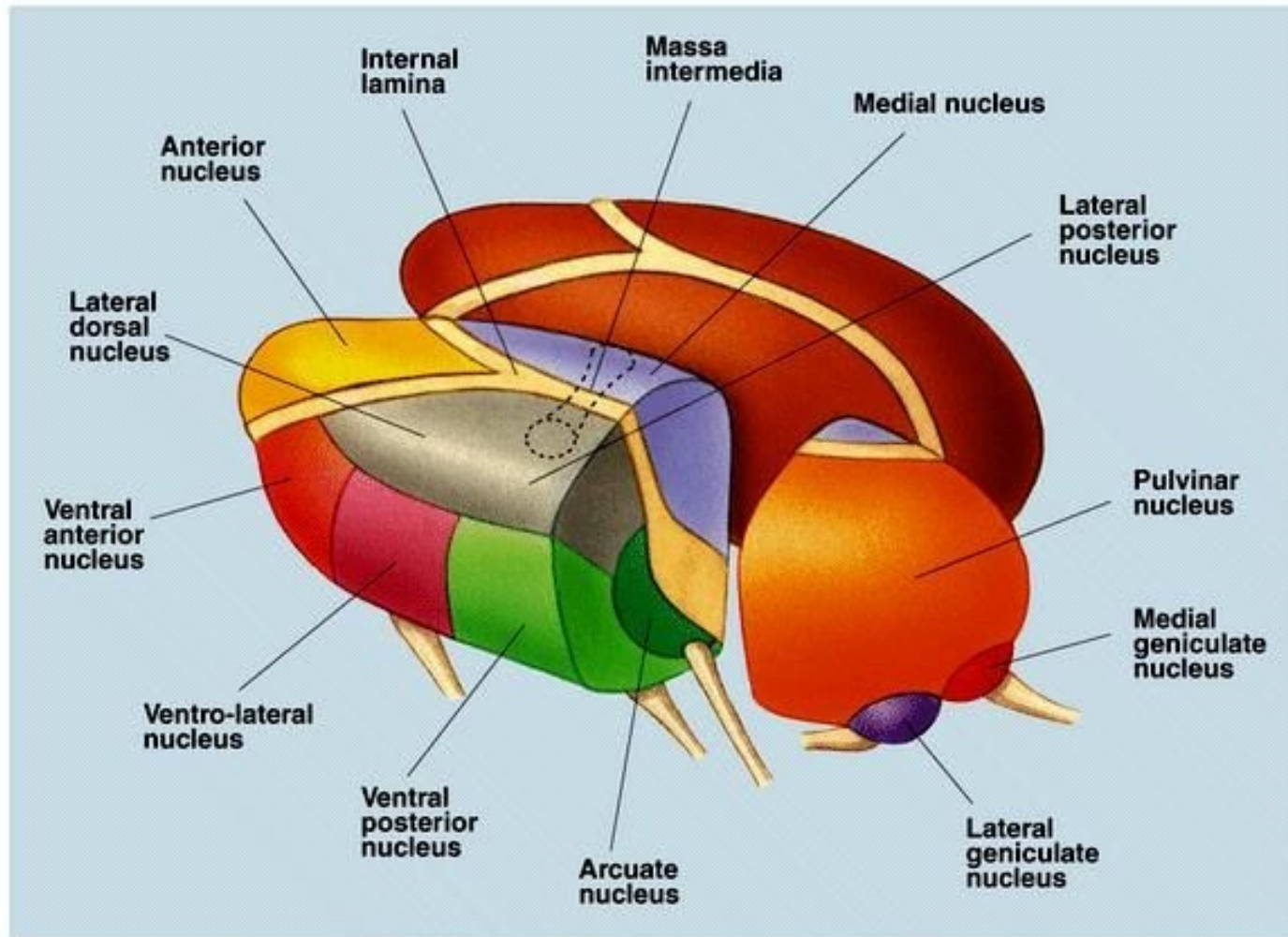


## The Thalamus

Nucleus reticularis (surrounding thalamus) is not shown



## ► Nuclei of the Thalamus



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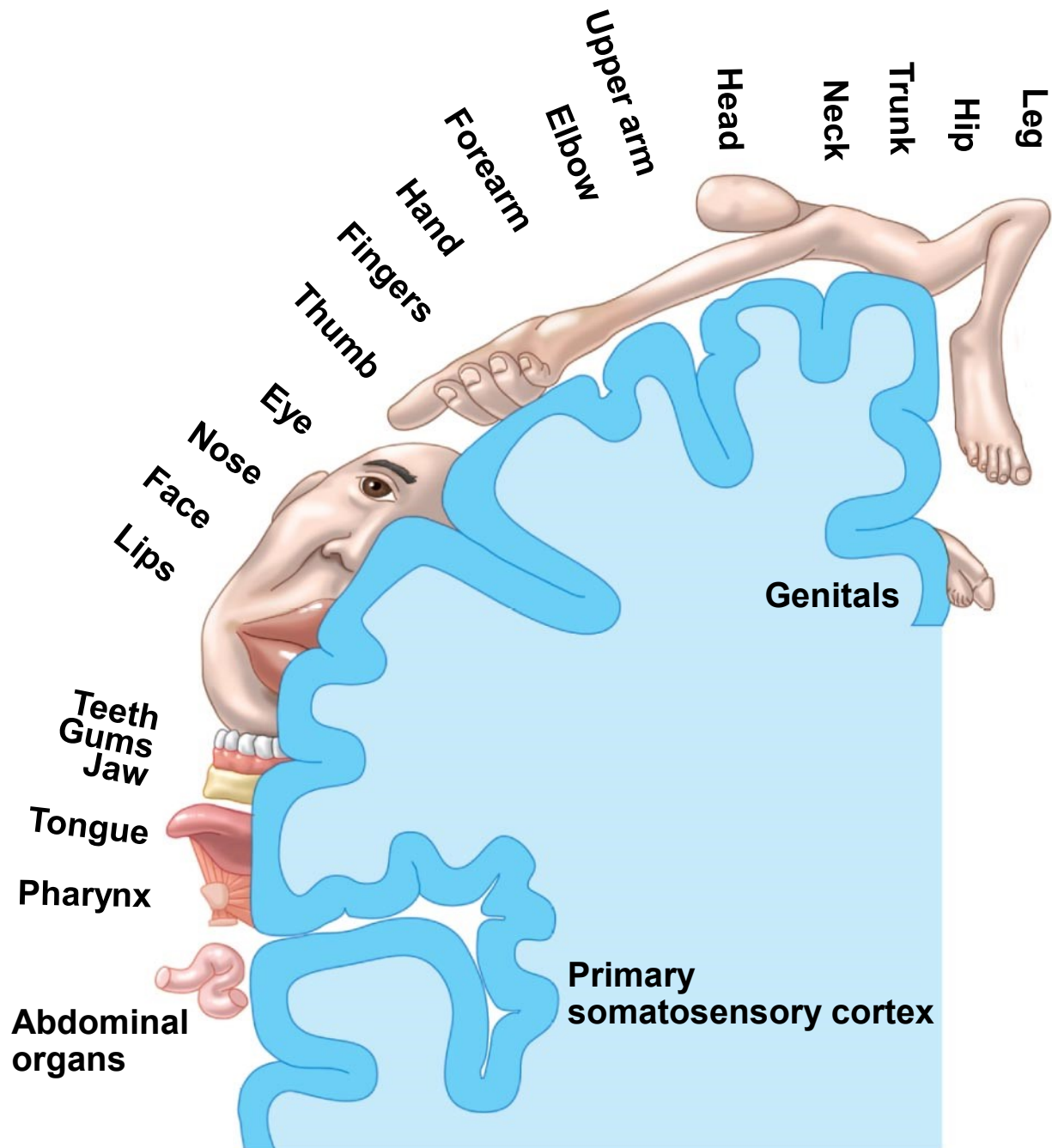
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# ORGANIZZAZIONE SOMATO-TOPICA DEL SISTEMA NERVOSO CENTRALE

la somatotopia e' la rappresentazione delle diverse parti del corpo nelle varie strutture del Sistema Nervoso Centrale.

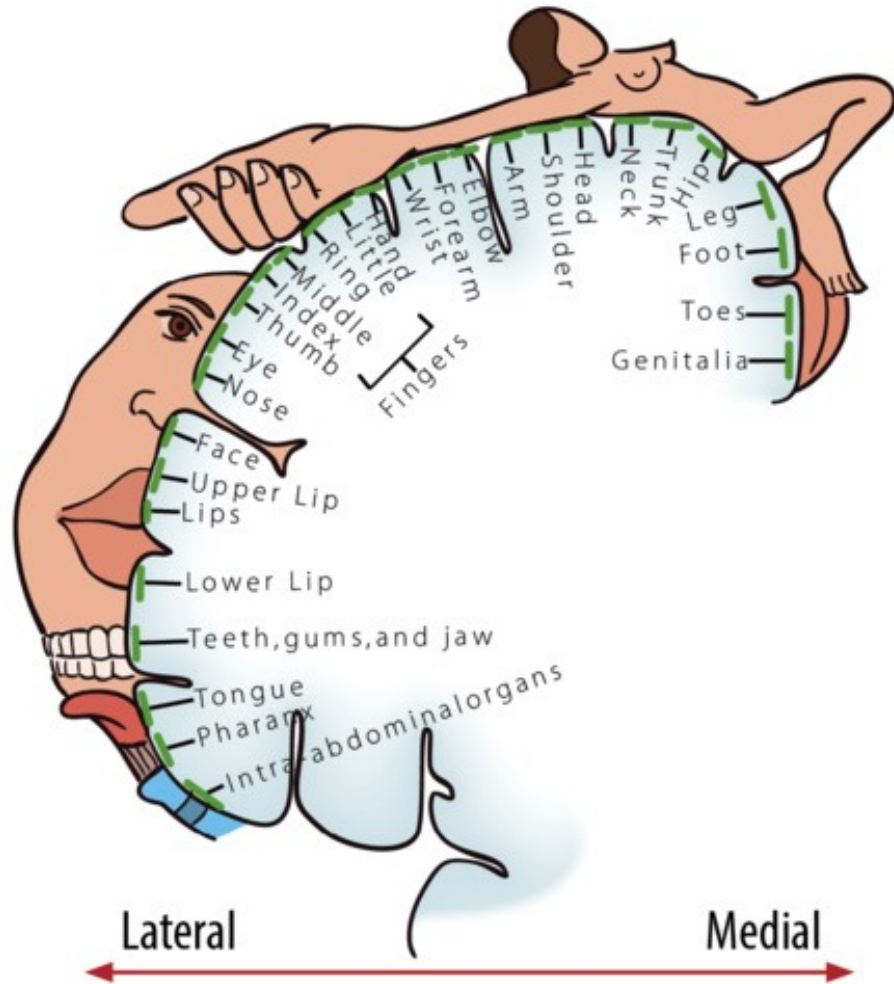
Essa e' fortemente presente nella corteccia cerebrale, e per ogni area specifica della corteccia assume caratteristiche distintive: per es. esiste somatotopia nella **corteccia postcentrale (sensitiva)** e **precentrale (motoria)**, nel senso che nelle due aree un determinato gruppo di neuroni risponde a stimoli provenienti da una certa parte del corpo o invia segnali motori a quella stessa parte. Alcuni rappresentano le dita della mano, altri il braccio, il tronco, le gambe e cosi' via, in modo che ogni parte del corpo viene rappresentata centralmente in modo definito e topografico.

Fig. 49-16b

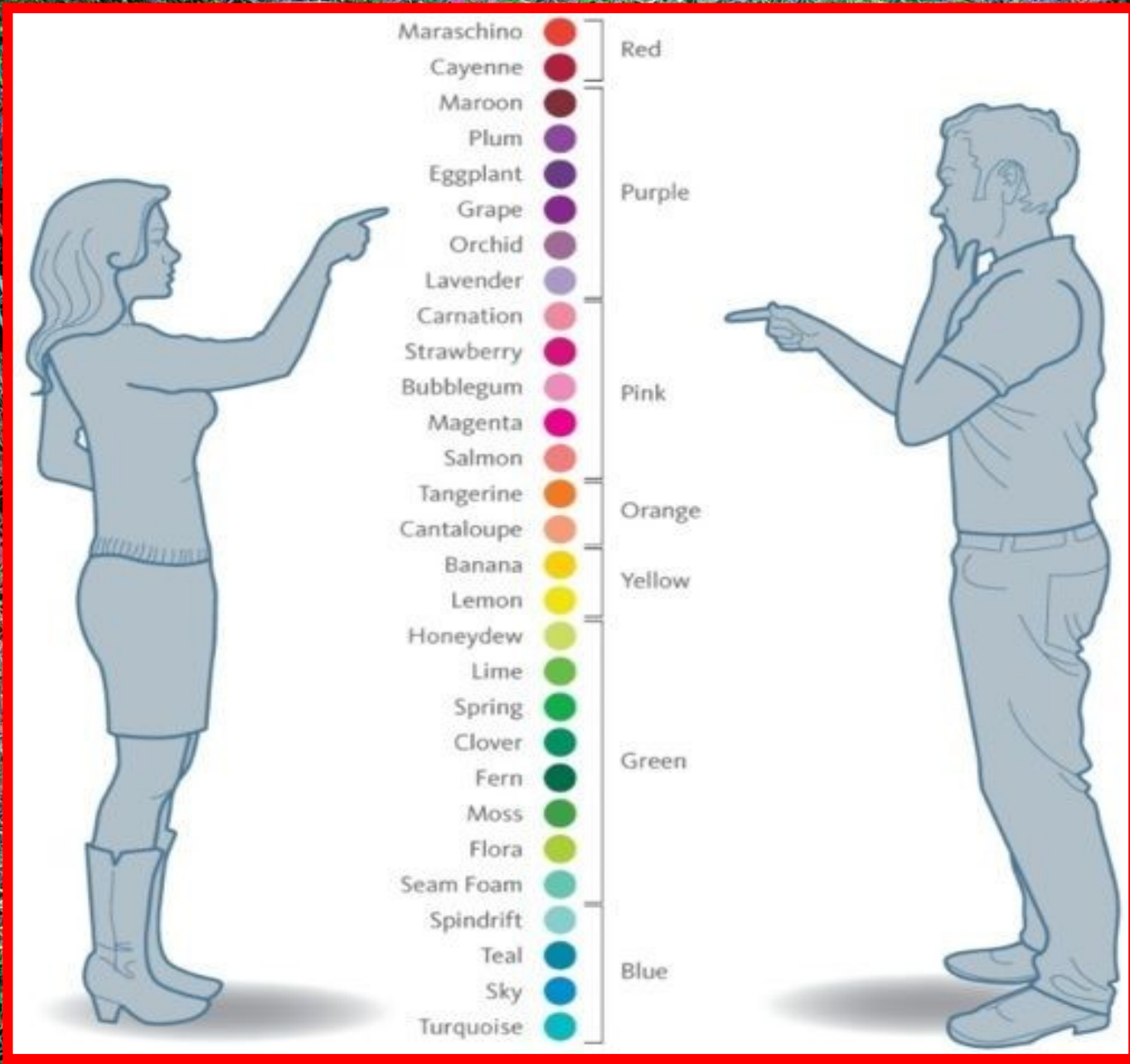




**Homunculus**



**Somatosensory Map**



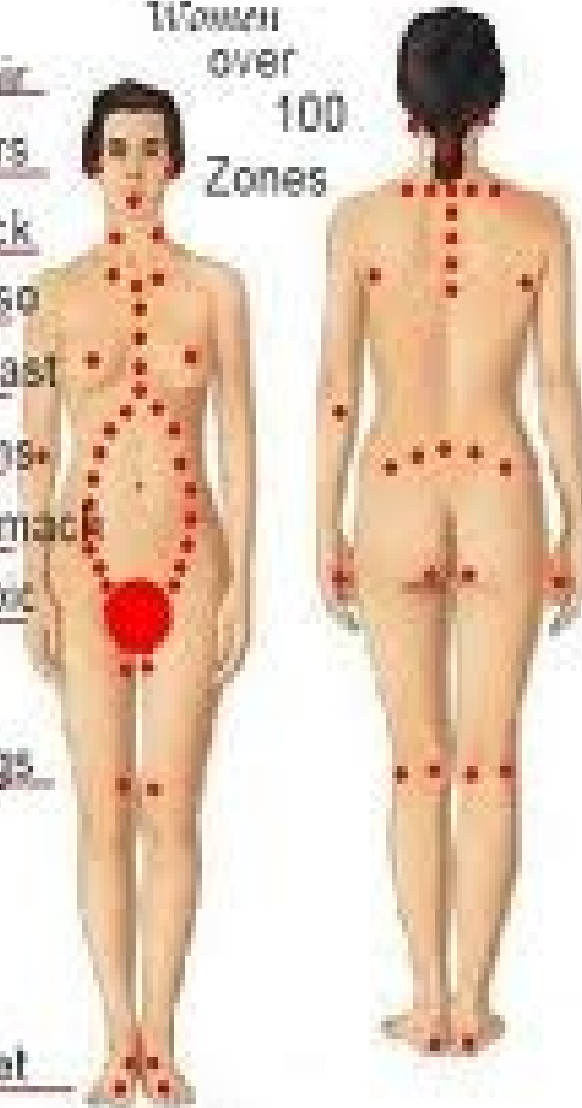
# Erogenous Zones

Men  
over 100  
zones - just  
all in same  
place

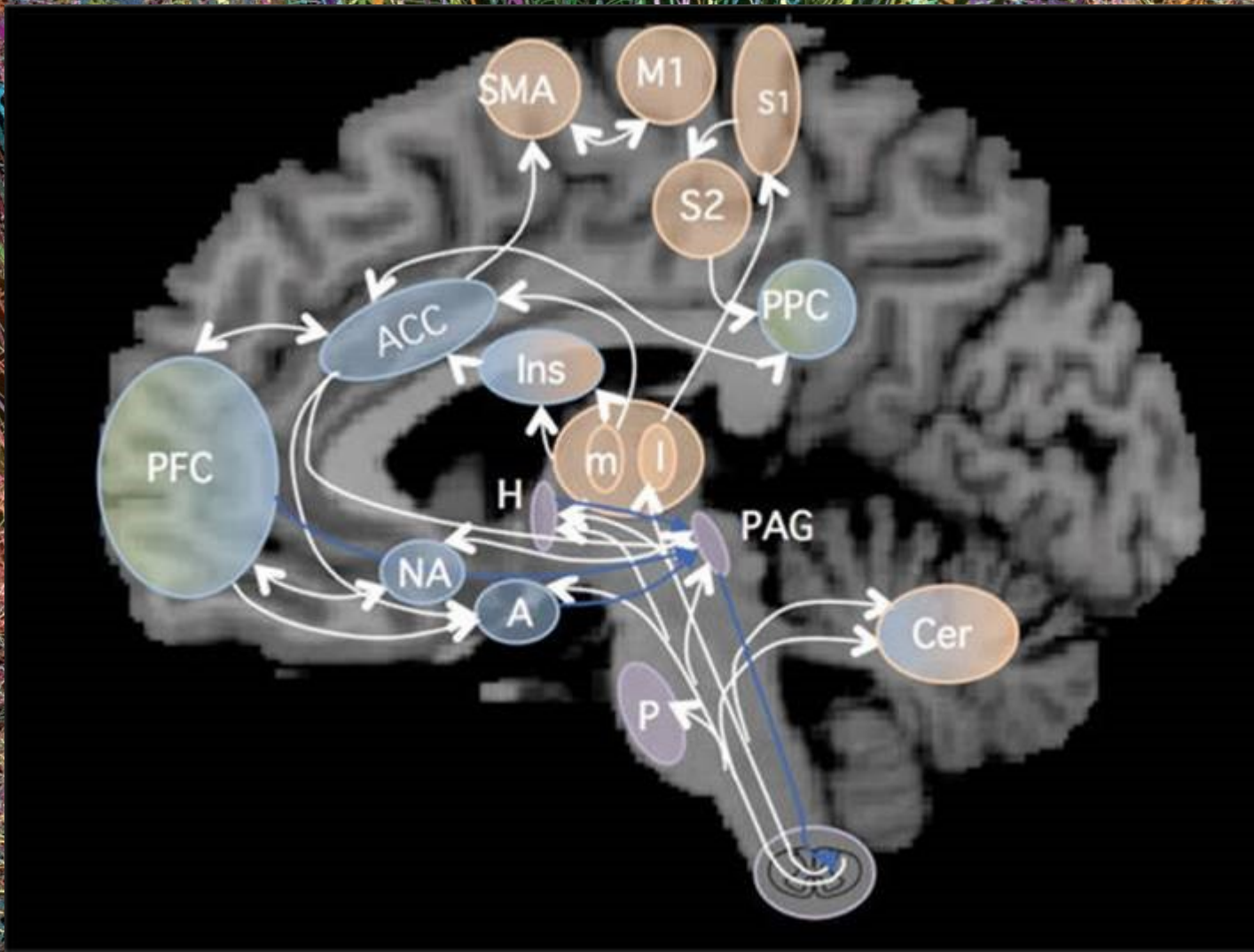


Women  
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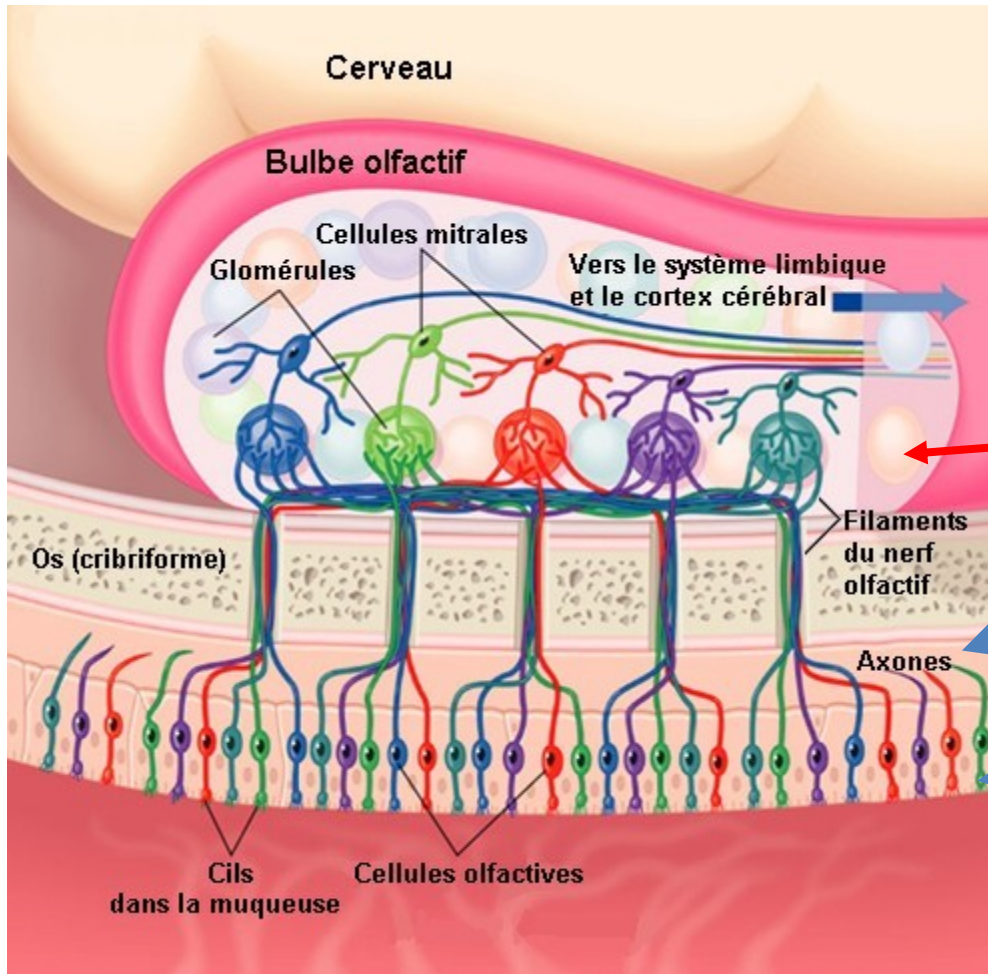
- Hair
- Ears
- Neck
- Torso
- Breast
- Arms
- Stomach
- Pubic
- Legs
- Feet







# Olfaction Update



• Aromas processed by the limbic system first!

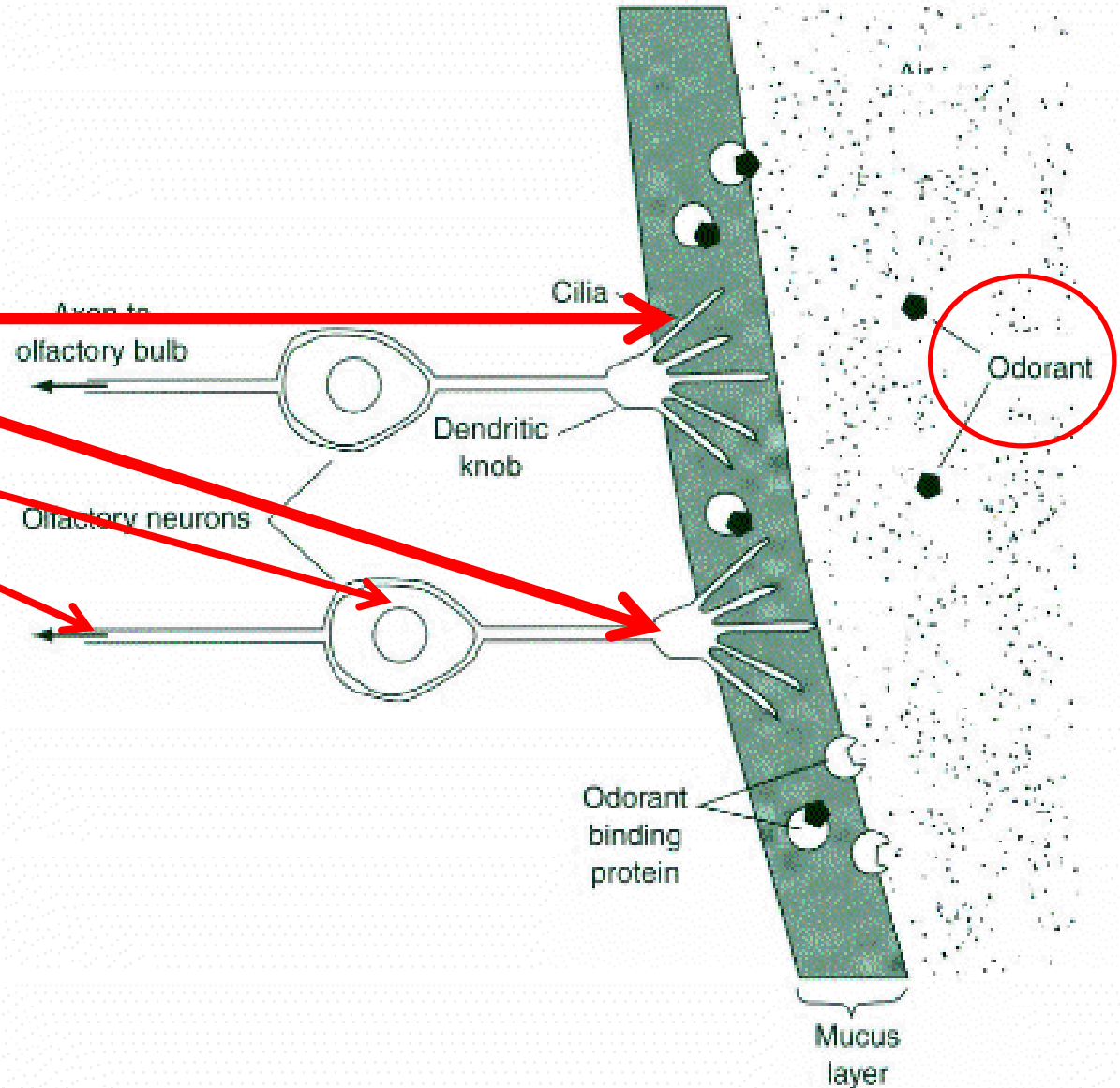
10,000 Total Glomeruli

400 Receptor Types

40 million receptors

# Olfactory Epithelium

- Receptors have four parts **cilia**, **olfactory knob**, **olfactory rod** and the axon
- Olfactory nerve - the axons of the olfactory receptors form bands which travel to the olfactory bulb



# Differenti tipi e densità dei Recettori per gli stimoli olfattivi

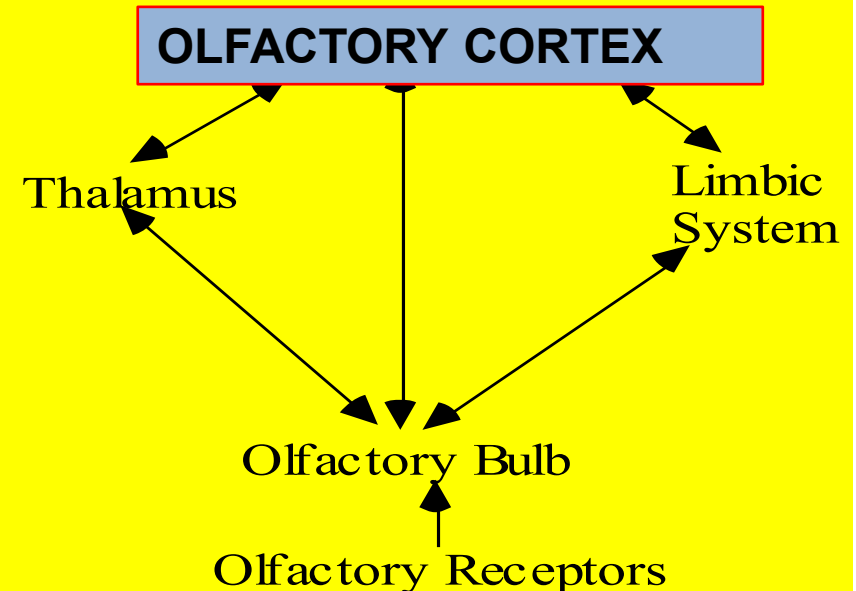
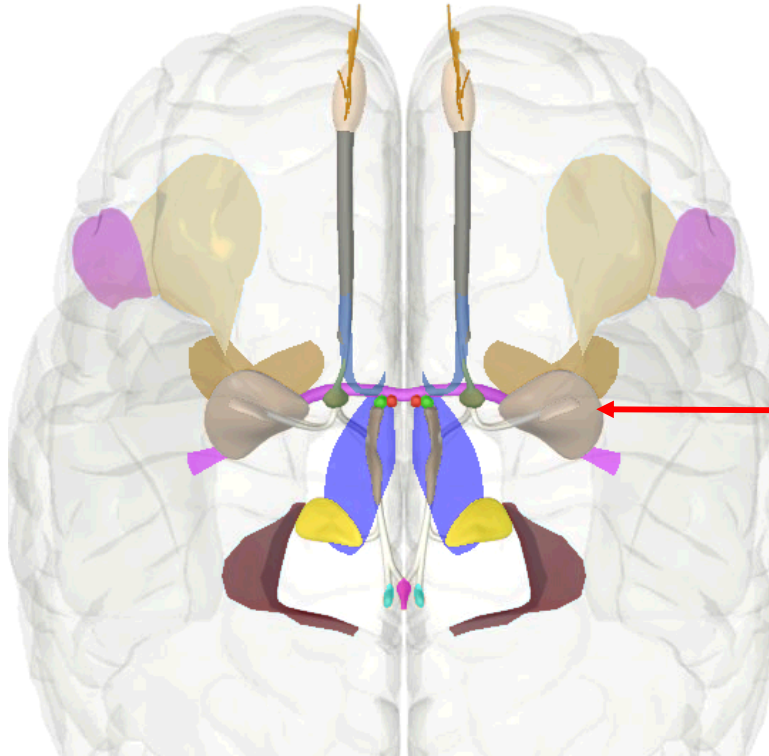
## Competing noses

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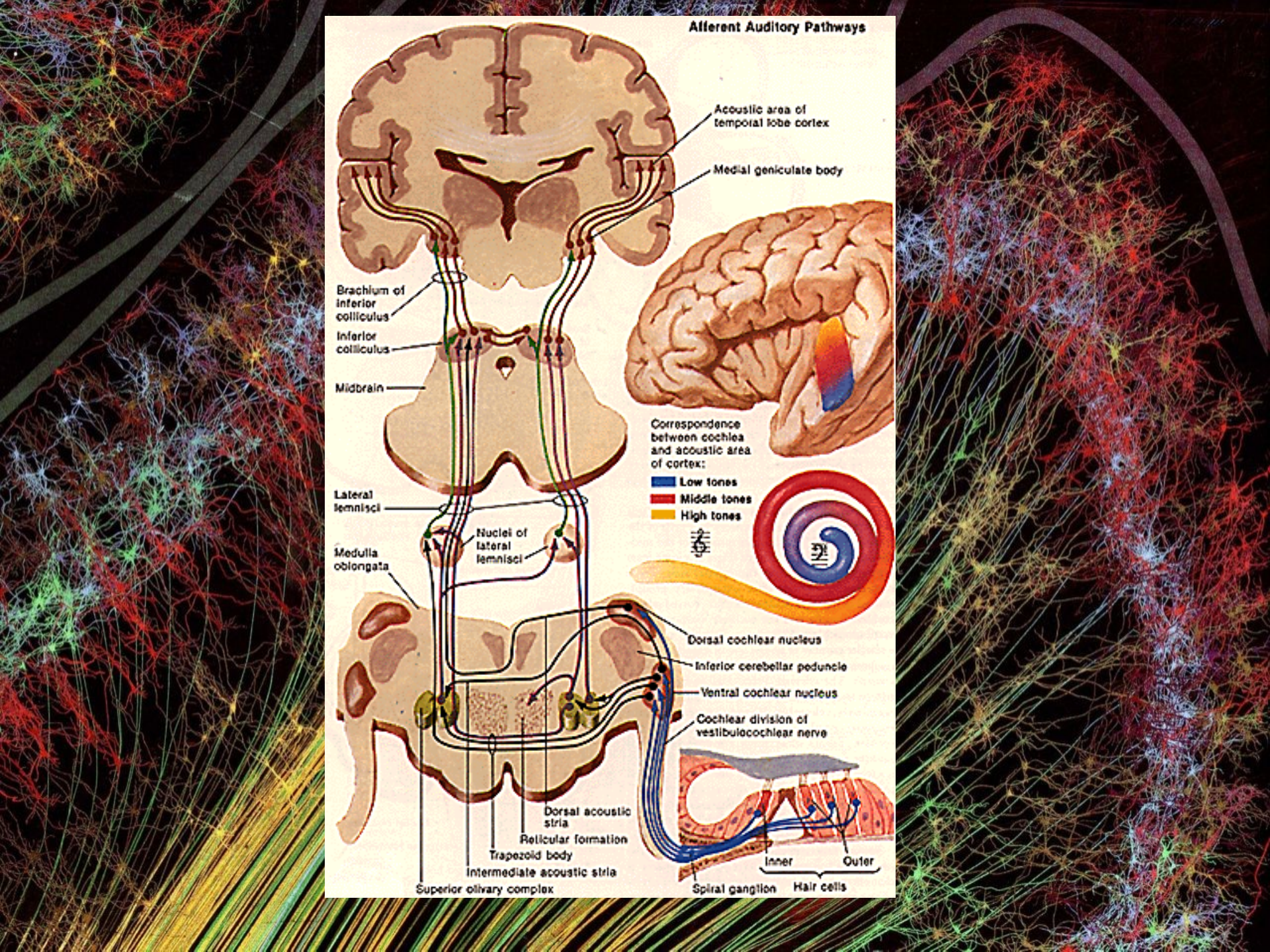
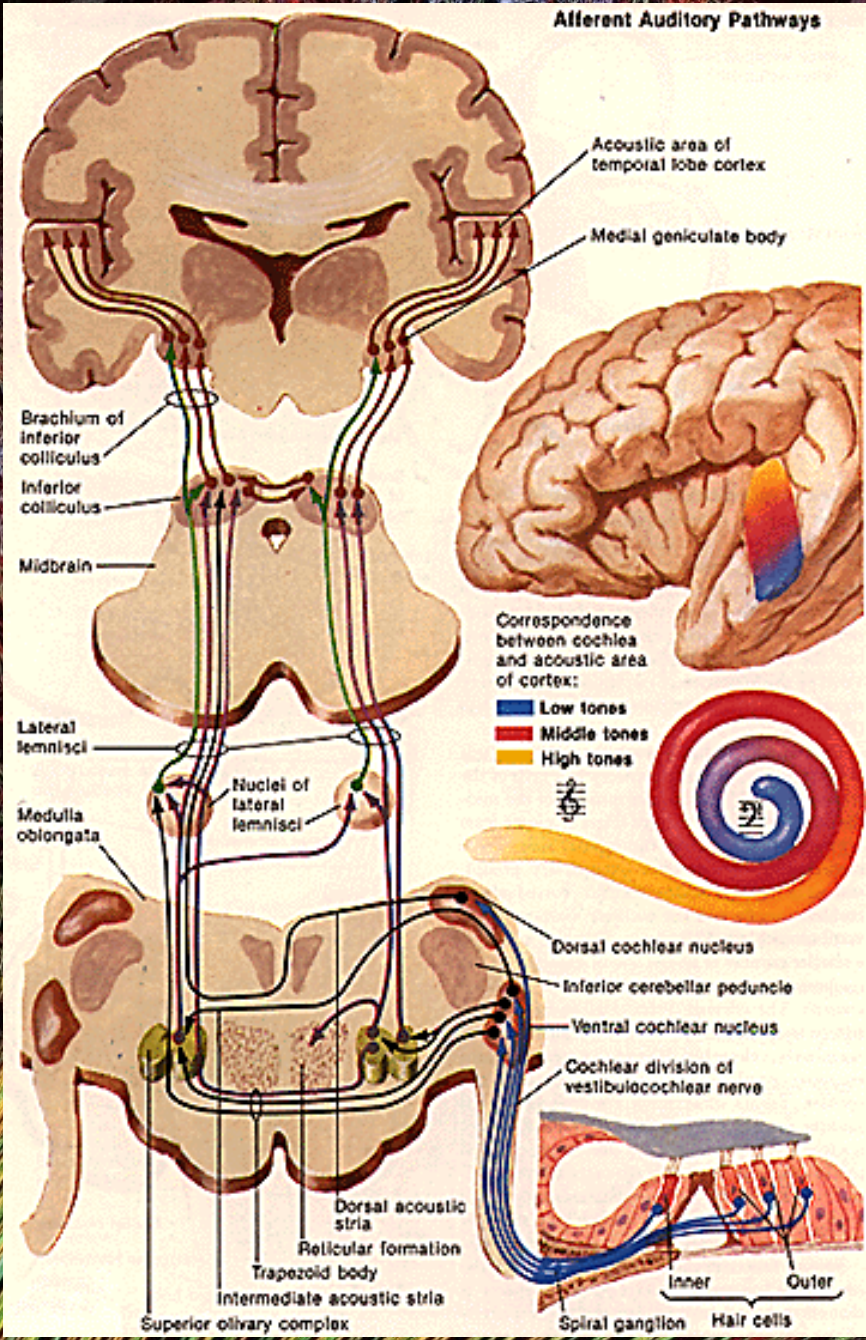
The number of different types of scent receptors processed by each species varies very widely. But this figure is not always a good indication of overall sense of smell. A dog's nose, for instance, is superior to a rat's, despite having a third fewer receptors.



# VIE dell'OLFATTO nel Sistema Nervoso Centrale



# Afferent Auditory Pathways





# Left brain

I am the left brain.  
I am a scientist. A mathematician.  
I love the familiar. I categorize. I am accurate. Linear.  
Analytical. Strategic. I am practical.  
Always in control. A master of words and language.  
Realistic. I calculate equations and play with numbers.  
I am order. I am logic.  
I know exactly who I am.



# Right brain

I am the right brain.  
I am creativity. A free spirit. I am passion.  
Yearning. Sensuality. I am the sound of roaring laughter.  
I am taste. The feeling of sand beneath bare feet.  
I am movement. Vivid colors.  
I am the urge to paint on an empty canvas.  
I am boundless imagination. Art. Poetry. I sense. I feel.  
I am everything I wanted to be.

# **VISIONE OLISTICA del FUNZIONAMENTO del CERVELLO**

**INTERCONNESSIONE COSTANTE TRA I DIVERSI SISTEMI**

**DATA-STORING E DATA-RETRIEVAL CONTINUI ED INCESSANTI**

**APPRENDIMENTO – MEMORIZZAZIONE – RICONOSCIMENTO**

**ATTIVITA' STRETTAMENTE CORRELATE ED INTERCONNESSE**

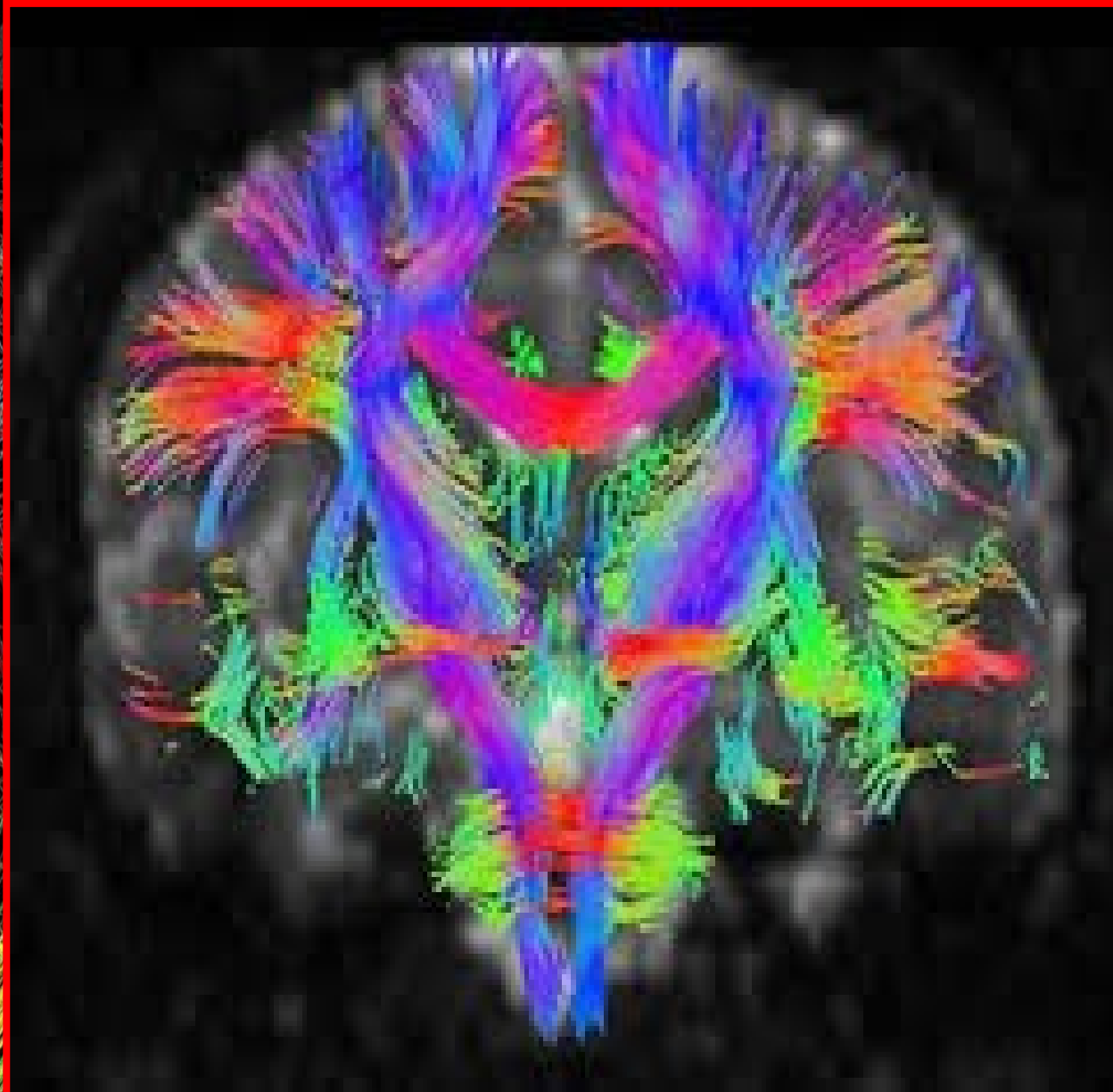
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**MEMORIE CONTINUAMENTE “ SOVRASCRITTE “**

**IL PUNTO DI OSSERVAZIONE versus OGGETTO DELLA OSSERVAZIONE**



**RM Encefalo con Studio Trattografico mediante Tensori di Diffusione .  
Connessioni intra ed interemisferiche e vie cortico-spinali.**







# Autism and Sensory Processing Disorders: Shared White Matter Disruption in Sensory Pathways but Divergent Connectivity in Social-Emotional Pathways



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## Abstract

Over 90% of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) demonstrate atypical sensory behaviors. In fact, hyper- or hyporeactivity to sensory input or unusual interest in sensory aspects of the environment is now included in the DSM-5 diagnostic criteria. However, there are children with sensory processing differences who do not meet an ASD diagnosis but do show atypical sensory behaviors to the same or greater degree as ASD children. We previously demonstrated that children with Sensory Processing Disorders (SPD) have impaired white matter microstructure, and that this white matter microstructural pathology correlates with atypical sensory behavior. In this study, we use diffusion tensor imaging (DTI) fiber tractography to evaluate the structural connectivity of specific white matter tracts in boys with ASD ( $n = 15$ ) and boys with SPD ( $n = 16$ ), relative to typically developing children ( $n = 23$ ). We define white matter tracts using probabilistic streamline tractography and assess the strength of tract connectivity using mean fractional anisotropy. Both the SPD and ASD cohorts demonstrate decreased connectivity relative to controls in parieto-occipital tracts involved in sensory perception and multisensory integration. However, the ASD group alone shows impaired connectivity, relative to controls, in temporal tracts thought to subserve social-emotional processing. In addition to these group difference analyses, we take a dimensional approach to assessing the relationship between white matter connectivity and participant function. These correlational analyses reveal significant associations of white matter connectivity with auditory processing, working

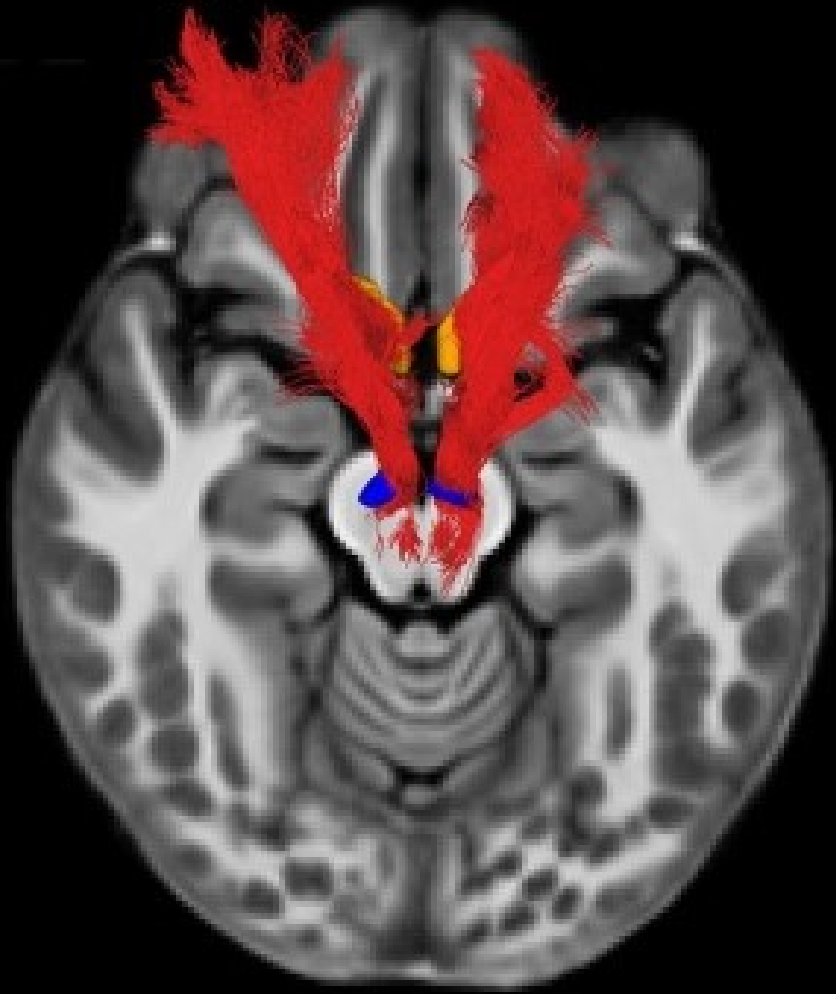
# Deficits in mesolimbic reward pathway underlie social interaction impairments in children with autism

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Lack of interest in social interaction is a hallmark of autism spectrum disorder. Animal studies have implicated the mesolimbic reward pathway in driving and reinforcing social behaviour, but little is known about the integrity of this pathway and its behavioural consequences in children with autism spectrum disorder. Here we test the hypothesis that the structural and functional integrity of the mesolimbic reward pathway is aberrant in children with autism spectrum disorder, and these aberrancies contribute to the social interaction impairments. We examine structural and functional connectivity of the mesolimbic reward pathway in two independent cohorts totalling 82 children aged 7–13 years with autism spectrum disorder and age-, gender-, and intelligence quotient-matched typically developing children (primary cohort: children with autism spectrum disorder  $n = 24$ , typically developing children  $n = 24$ ; replication cohort: children with autism spectrum disorder  $n = 17$ , typically developing children  $n = 17$ ), using high angular resolution diffusion-weighted imaging and functional MRI data. We reliably identify white matter tracts linking—the nucleus accumbens and the ventral tegmental area—key subcortical nodes of the mesolimbic reward pathway, and provide reproducible evidence for structural aberrations in these tracts in children with autism spectrum disorder. Further, we show that structural aberrations are accompanied by aberrant functional interactions between nucleus accumbens and ventral tegmental area in response to social stimuli. Crucially, we demonstrate that both structural and functional circuit aberrations in the mesolimbic reward pathway are related to parent-report measures of social interaction impairments in affected children. Our findings, replicated across two independent cohorts, reveal that deficits in the mesolimbic reward pathway contribute to impaired social skills in

typical child

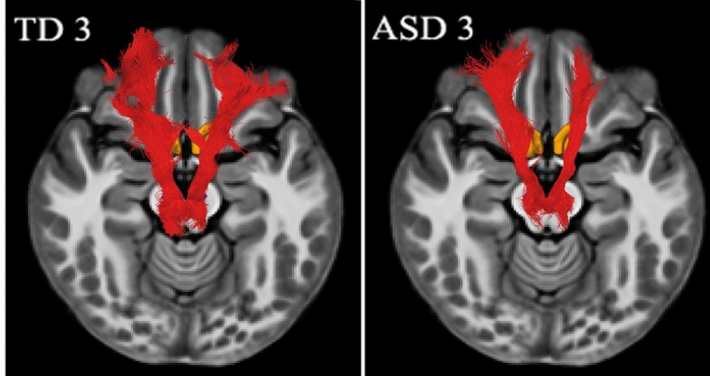
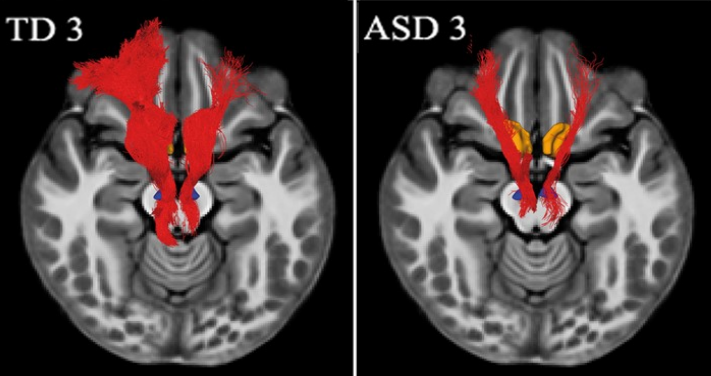
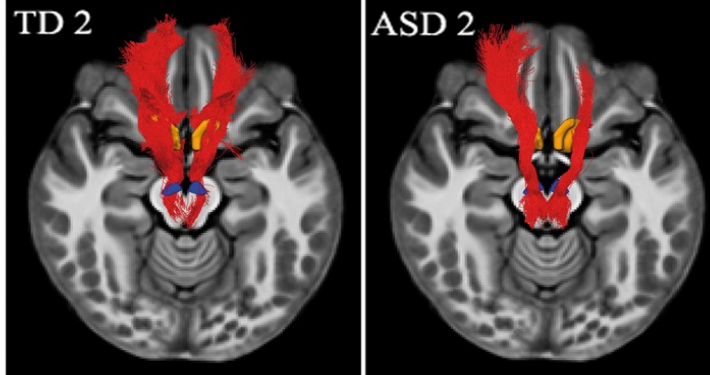
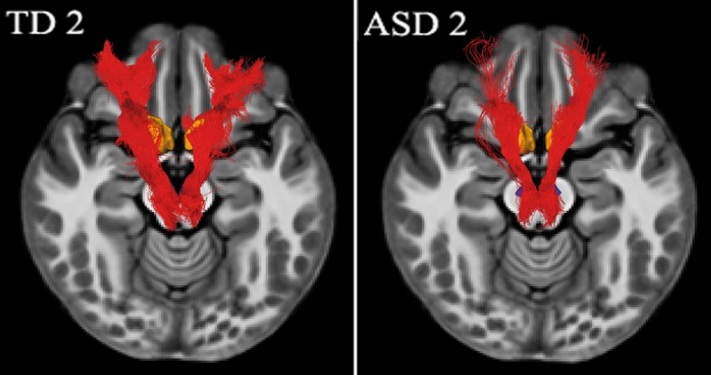
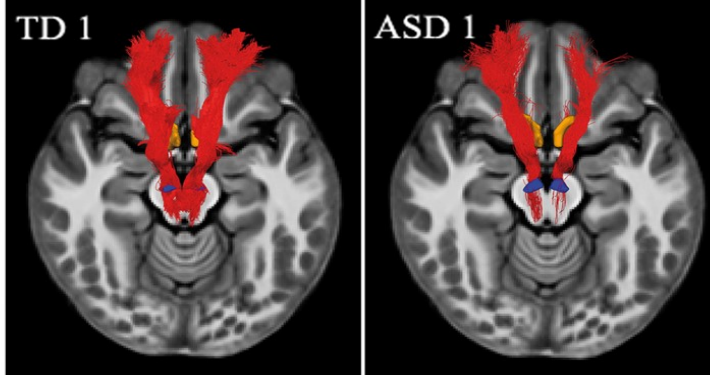
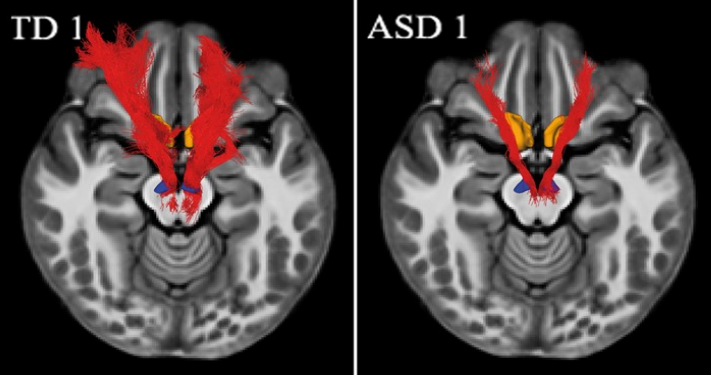


child with autism

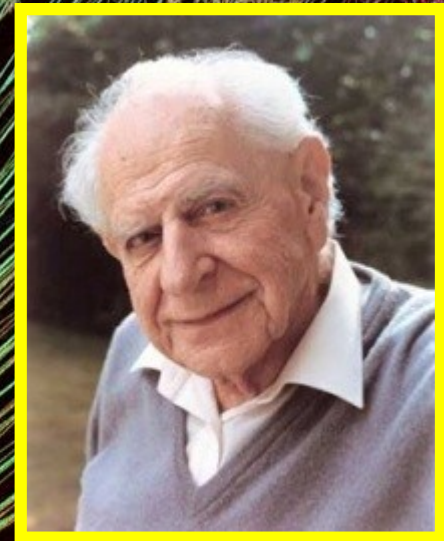


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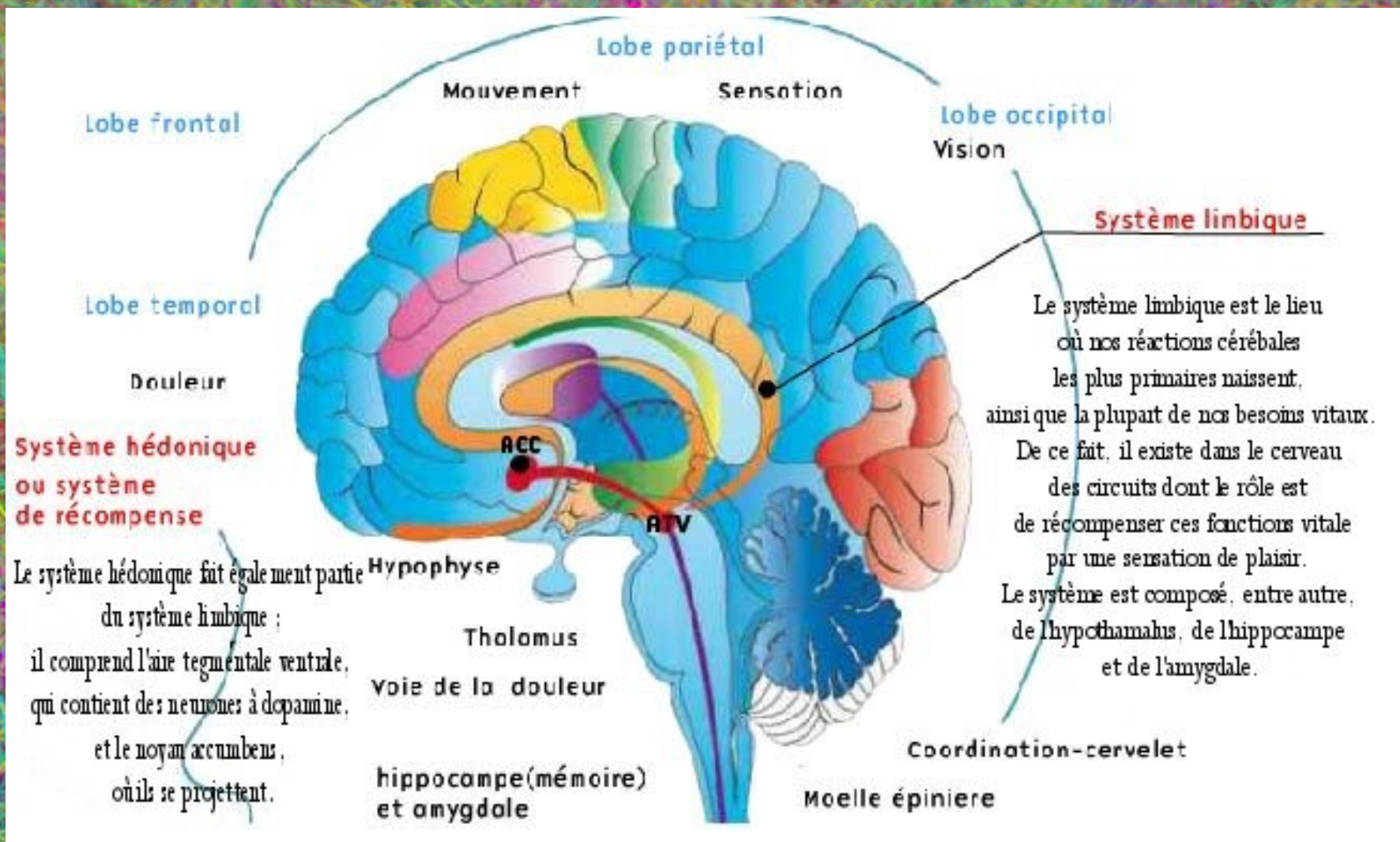
Replication Cohort



Those, among us, who are unwilling to expose their ideas to the hazard of refutation do not take part in the scientific game . Karl Popper  
*The Logic of Scientific Discovery, 1959.*

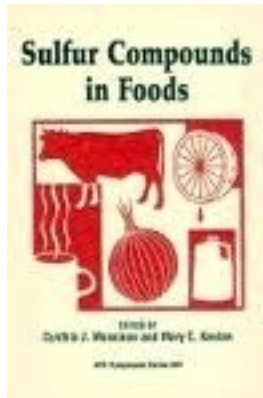






# Complessita' degli Aromi

- Nel cervello umano sono presenti più connessioni sinaptiche relative all'OLFATTO che in qualsiasi altro animale
- La sensibilità per le sostanze **Solforate**
- è **Impressionante !**



# Olfaction is Under-rated in Humans!

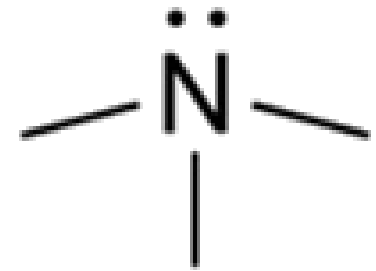
- Human: *More genes for aroma than any other organ!*
  - 40 million receptor cells
  - Class I, OR52D1 (Aquatic Genes, 20% genes)
    - Narrow Tuning, Few Pseudogenes, Important
    - Soluble Meats & Fatty Acids, **Amino Acids, Hormones**
  - Class II, OR1G1 (Terrestrial Gene)
    - Broadly tuned likes C9-10 chain length
- **Humans are Sensitive to Cooked aromas**
  - Equal to Dogs

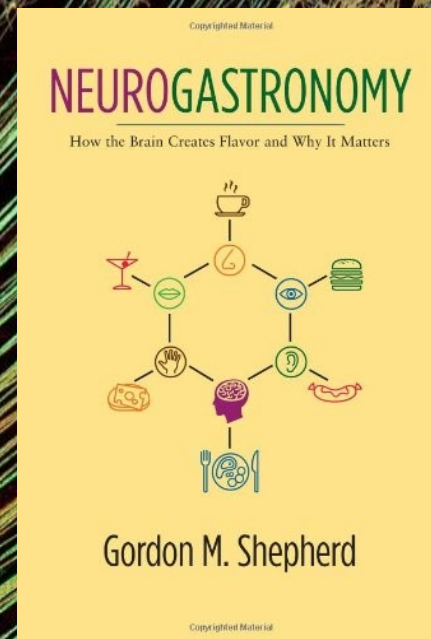
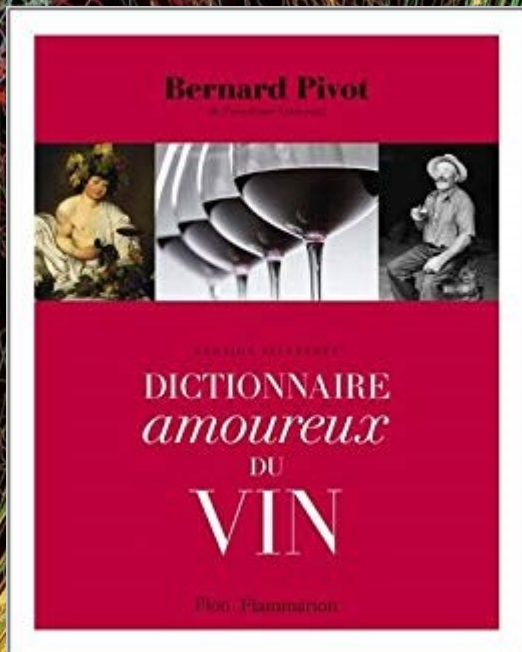
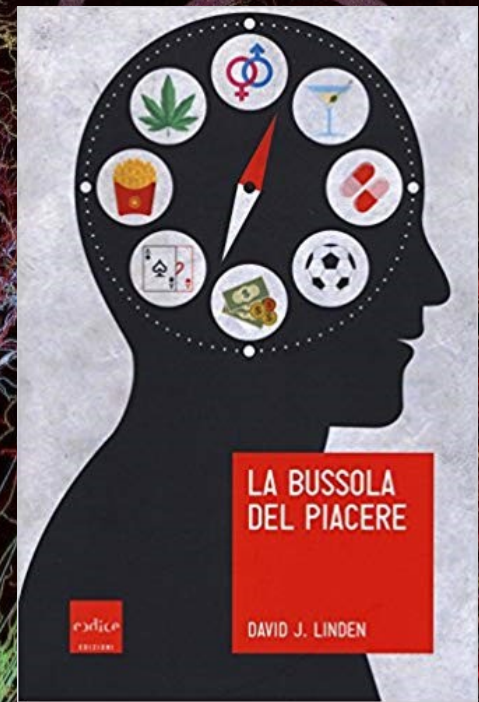


# TAARS Receptors

## Trace Amine-Associated Receptors

- **Pheromone** perception
  - Marking territories, sweat, urine
- Volatile Amines (**biogenic amines**)
  - Trimethylamine (decomposition)
    - Fish, prawn aroma
    - Meats, vegetables also (Soy, peanuts )
    - Olfactory sense for choline
    - **Destruction: acidity (lemon juice)**
    - Cheese, beer (fermentation)









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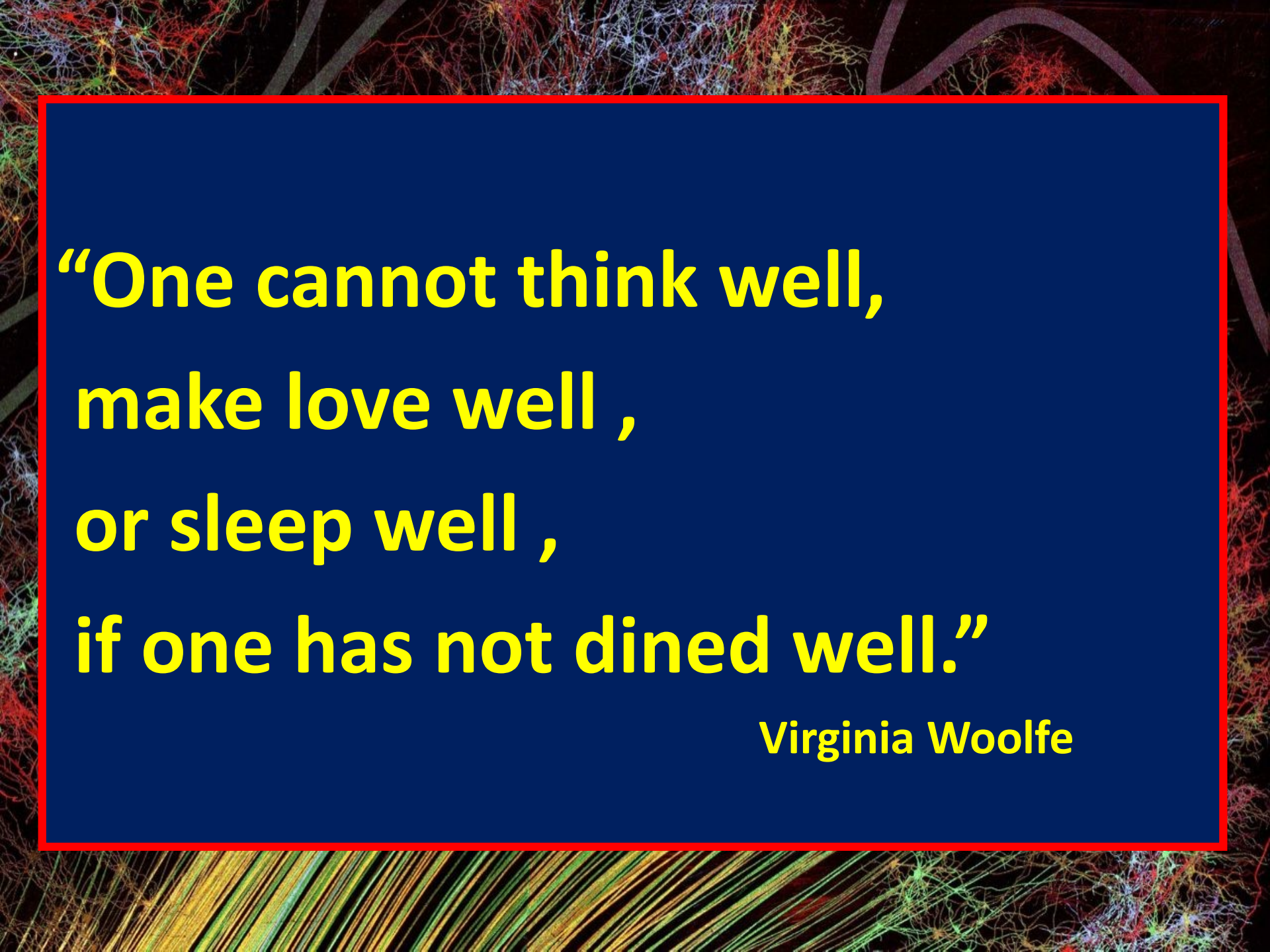
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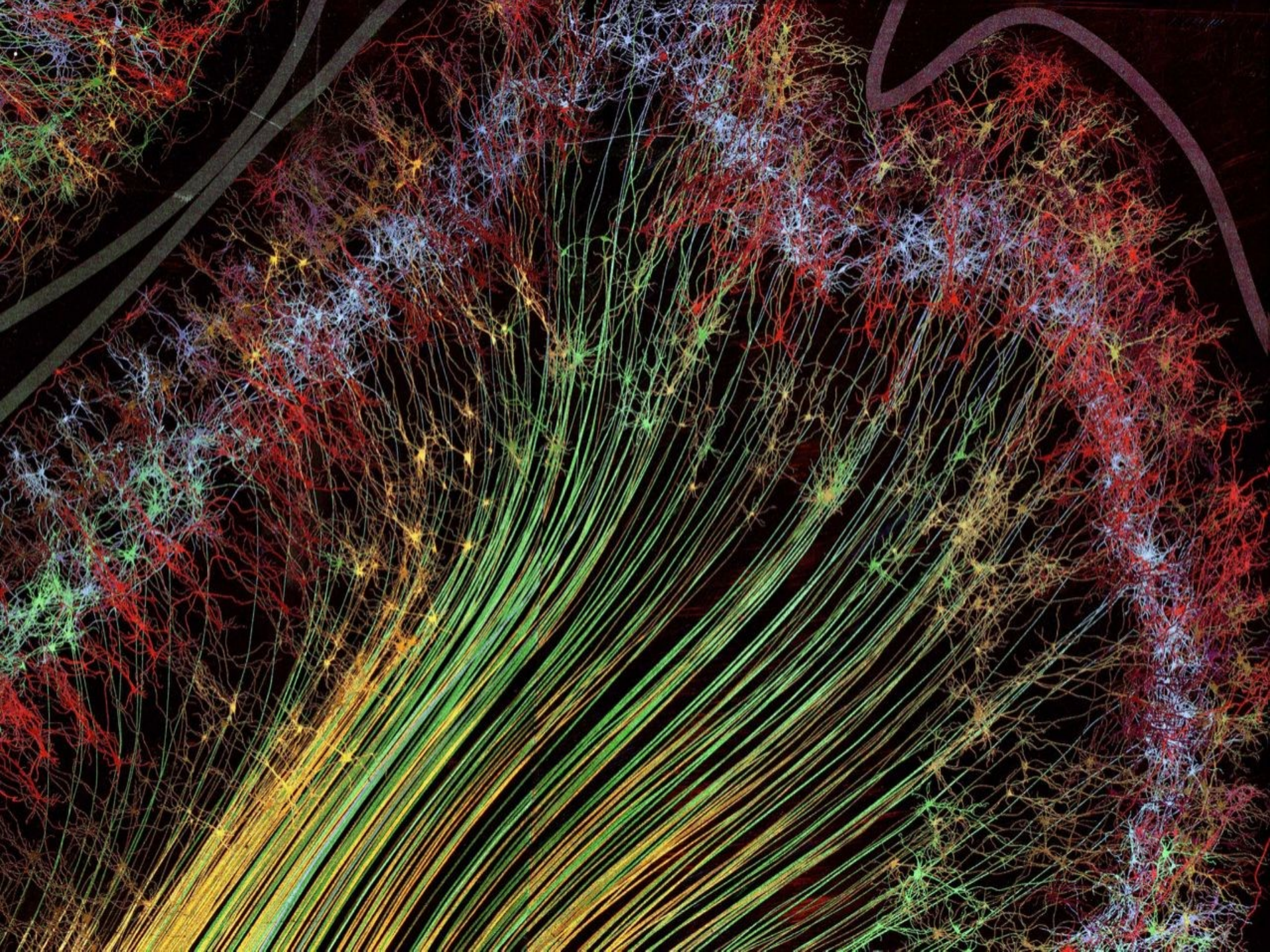
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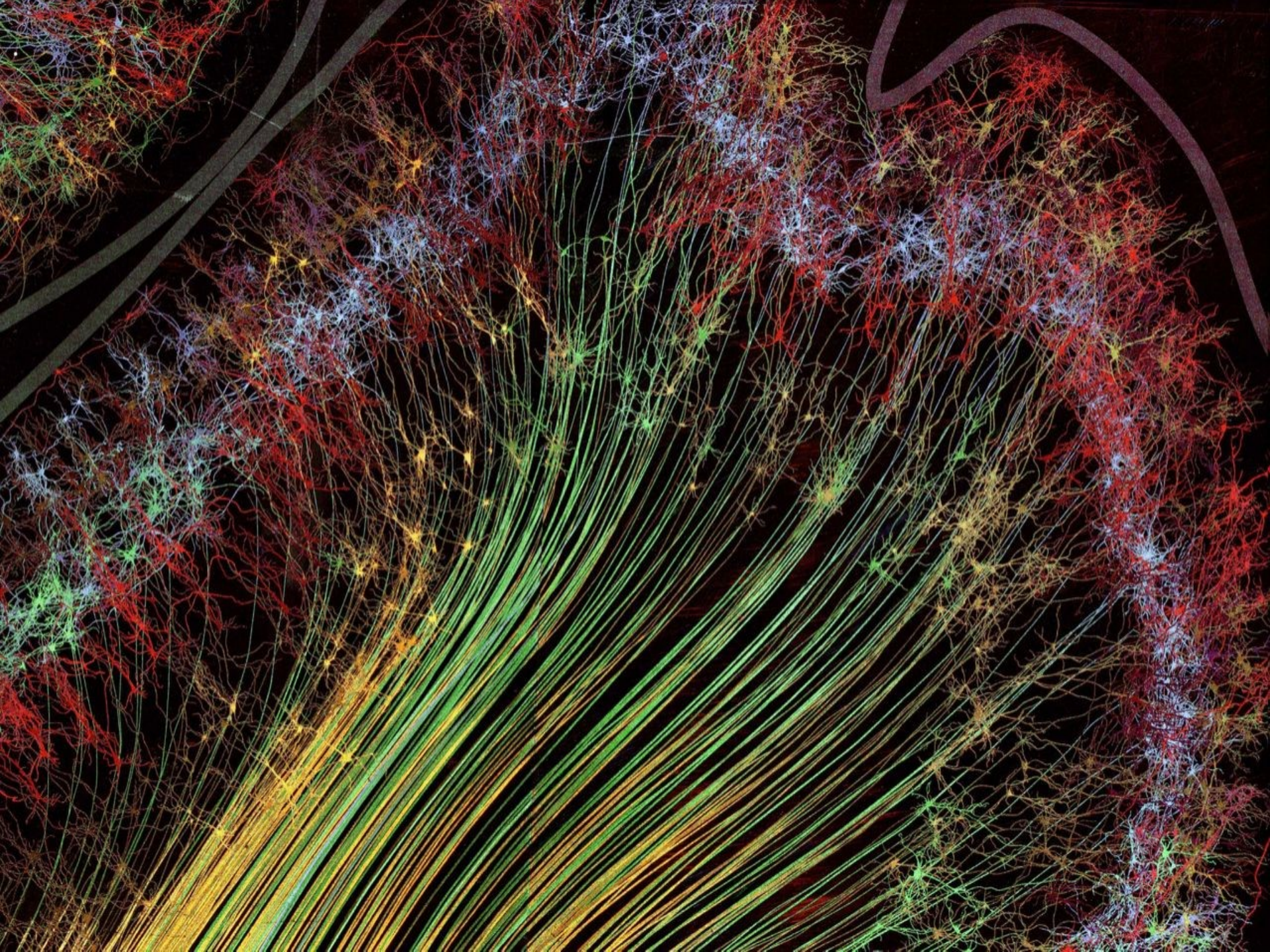




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if one has not dined well.”**

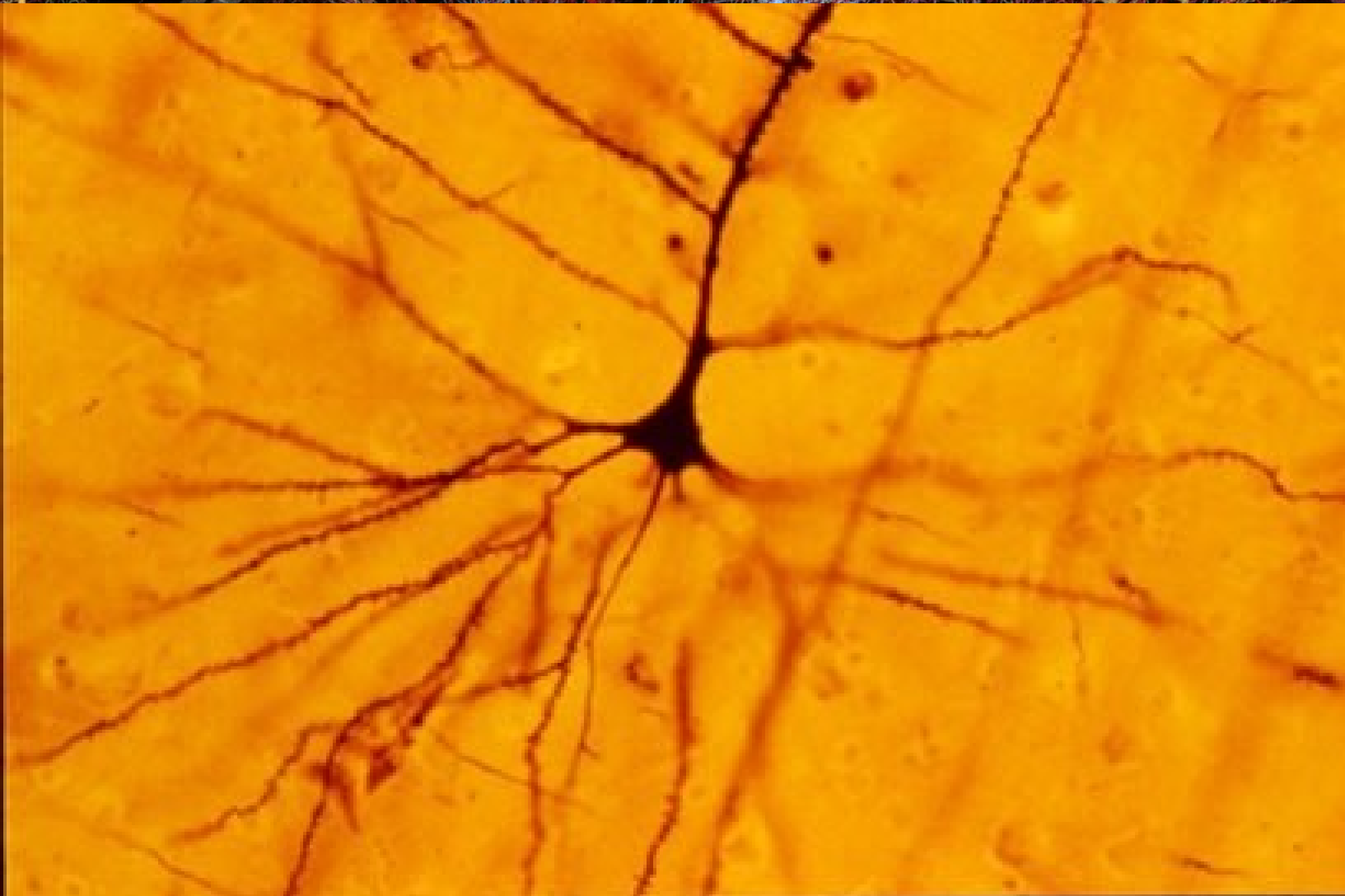
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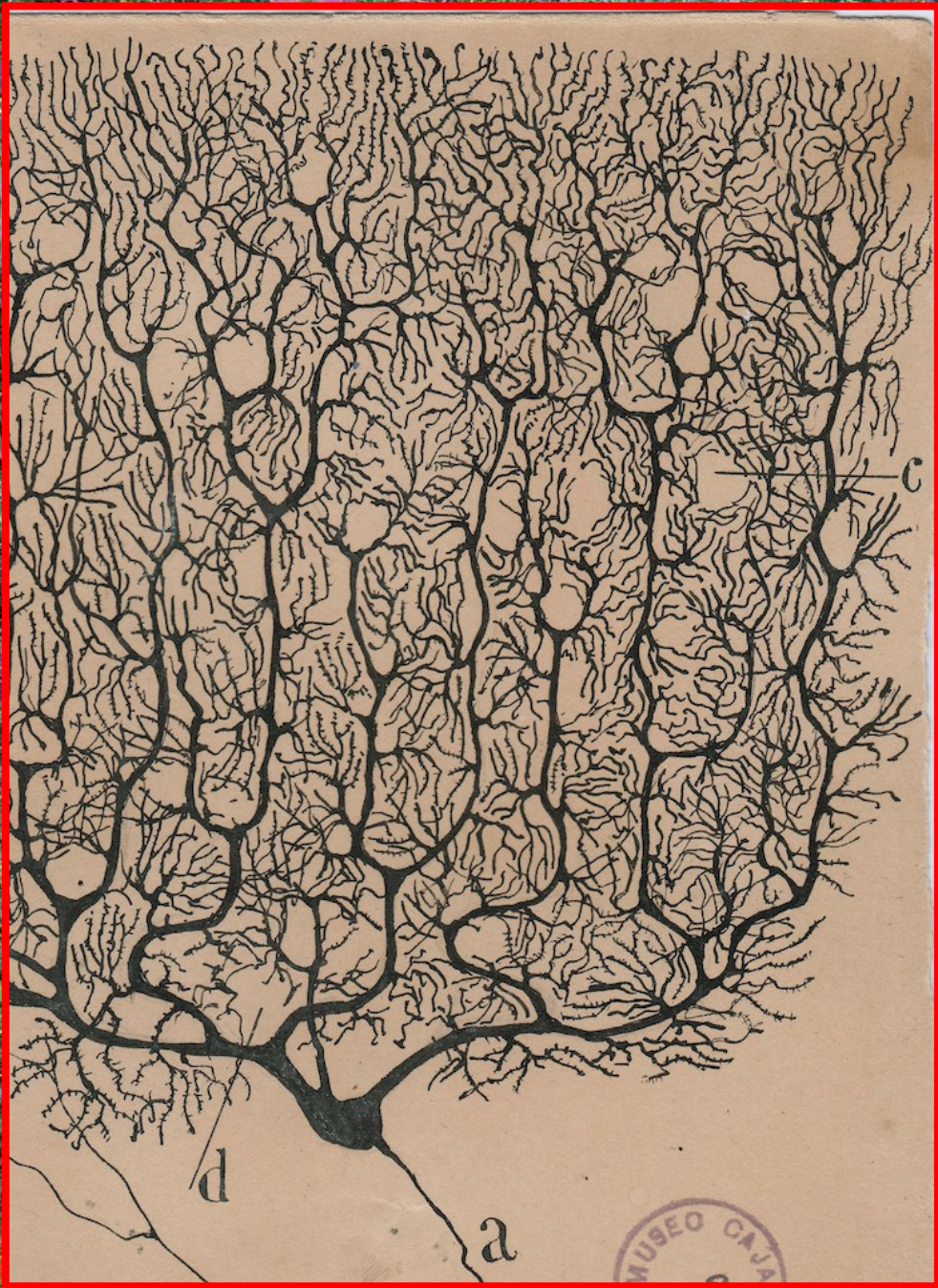




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